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# The whole world sleeps on my couch

"Don't," says my stepmother.

"I wouldn't do that if I were you."

Her voice is tinny through the speaker of my cell phone.

"Why not?" I ask.

She pauses, considering.

"The whole thing just sounds...dangerous," she says.

"I mean, staying in strangers' houses? They could be anyone."



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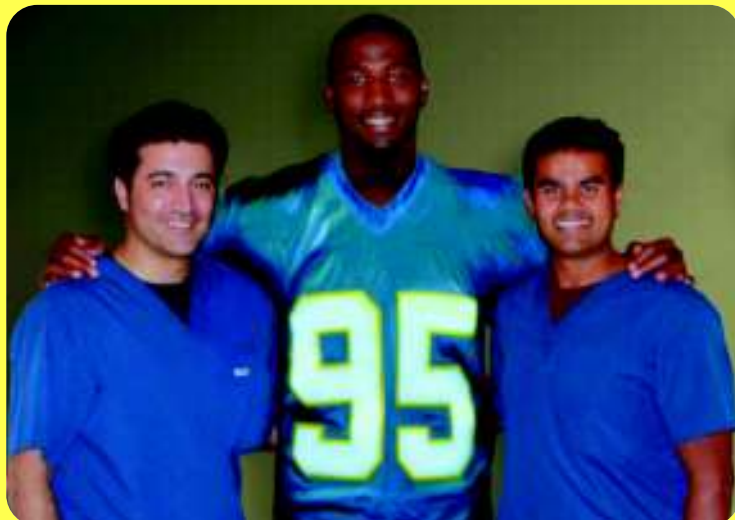


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### Intriguing politics

Is there a political method to the madness in last week's pension-board shake-up by San Diego mayor **Jerry Sanders**? With the city council assenting, the mayor switched out three incumbent boardmembers with three new ones of his own picking. Sanders's spokespeople said it was time for a change, but California political insiders note that



Jack Londen

one new boardmember, **Herb Morgan**, is a GOP stalwart with close ties to national-party money — and that would come in handy for Sanders should he decide to seek another office.

Last July in Las Vegas, Morgan, a “personal wealth manager” who runs Del Mar-based Efficient Market Advisors, announced “California Small Business Leaders for McCain,” sponsored by **John McCain**'s presidential campaign against **Barack Obama**. “Senator Obama has put forward an economic plan that will saddle small businesses with higher taxes [and] expensive mandates and that's change we can't afford,” Morgan said in a news release put out by the McCain forces that were blasting the Democratic candidate for being a free spender.

Though there may be some irony in the fact that Sanders currently has his hand out to Obama for federal bailout money, the mayor has never been shy about raising funds to fuel his political ambitions, and the political goodwill Morgan can generate in the GOP is expected to come in handy.

But Sanders, a self-styled moderate Republican who supports gay marriage, may have to watch his back. In May 2001, the magazine *Human Events* reported that Morgan, then living in Arizona and working as a senior vice president at Dreyfus Investments, met for lunch at the Phoenix Biltmore with former Arizona Republican National Committeeman **Jack Londen**. The purpose of their meeting was to draft someone to run against McCain in the 2004 primary for his Senate seat; they said they “could no longer support McCain after his latest renegade vote” against a Bush tax-cut measure.



Jane Hull

“I was disappointed that our governor [Republican **Jane Hull**] chose to endorse **George W. Bush** in the Arizona primary last year over a native candidate,” Morgan told the magazine. “Now I realize that she made a fantastic decision. After that vote of his, I'm through with John McCain.” Despite Morgan's best efforts, McCain remained senator.

Lately, Sanders has been stuffing city advisory boards with contributors and would-be contributors. Despite his denials, the mayor, a political chameleon, is widely expected to run for congress, the legislature, or statewide office, depending on the best opportunity that presents itself. Reached by phone this week, Morgan said he hasn't yet met Sanders, and added that as of late he has not been as active in Republican politics as in years past. The pension-board post “is a nonpartisan position,” he noted, and there was no quid pro quo involved in his appointment.

### Out to lunch

Is Republican mainstay and Chargers owner **Alex Gus Spanos** really making campaign contributions to liberal Democratic state attorney general **Jerry Brown**? That's what it says on a campaign finance filing by Brown last week: a total of \$10,000 on April 22 from an A.G. Spanos of Stockton, no occupation provided. Late last year the Spanos family



Alex Spanos

announced that Alex had a form of progressive dementia and would have a diminished role in running the family enterprise.

**Listening in** San Diego ranks high on the list of California jurisdictions where federal judges issued the most wiretaps last year, according to the recently released 2008 Wiretap Report by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Eighty-three intercepts were authorized by judges here, ranking the San Diego County jurisdiction third behind Los Angeles at 181 and San Bernardino with 84. When it came to the number of days of listening in, San Diego was in second place with 3134 days; L.A. had 5898, and San Bernardino, 2510. Breaking down the San Diego taps by case type, 77 were for narcotics investigations, 4 for larceny and theft, and 2 for homicide and assault. That suggests local politicians can rest easy, since no wiretaps were ordered for corruption, conspiracy, or racketeering cases.

Taxpayers may be interested to know that wiretaps don't come cheap. The average cost per order in the San Diego jurisdiction was \$37,713. In San Francisco, it was \$158,698. As a result of the local taps, the report says, 168 people were arrested and 100 convicted.

— Matt Potter

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## Here Comes the Sandman

By Craig D. Rose

It's not even Memorial Day and people are arguing over sand on the beach. But this isn't just any sand. The argument is over

new sand, or what its supporters prefer to call “beach renourishment.” Sounds like something ordered up at Whole Foods — so nourishing. So natural. And according to a variety of plans, so much.

In fact, if Imperial Beach officials have their way, the local beach will be the recipient in coming years of roughly 2 million cubic yards of additional sand. That would be enough to fill the Rose Bowl — more than five times over. And this mountain of new sand would be dumped on just 1.3 miles of Imperial Beach's shoreline.

One concern is that some of the new sand would come from dredging the ocean bottom about one mile west of the mouth of the Tijuana River, whose pollution is notorious and responsible for frequent beach closings in Imperial Beach. Nonetheless, the

sand has been determined to be clean and of appropriate consistency for placement on the city's beach, according to Greg Wade, community development director for Imperial Beach.

Most of the sand won't come cheap. The Army Corps



Imperial Beach

of Engineers' plan to dredge sand off the coast, move it to the shore, and spread it along the beach would cost nearly \$60 million over 50 years. A separate San Diego Association of Governments' proj-

which sand dredged from San Diego Harbor would be deposited off the shoreline of Imperial Beach, would be free to the city.

The prospects for the \$60

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Serge Dedina

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### Neal Obermeyer





## Rock, Paper, Busted

By Joe Deegan

**M**any of the more than 100 vendors at Rock Paper Scissors, a consignment store on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach,

have been clamoring for their money after the business stiffed them when it closed in early February. Several of the vendors report that, in the first few days after the closing, the store's operator, Jeff Fagan, said the company was going into bankruptcy. Upon requests for the name of his attorney, however, he claimed there was no need to go bankrupt after all, since the company had no assets.

"That's his word," Shelter Island resident Jim Grant tells me. "One of the purposes of bankruptcy, as I understand it, is to shed light on all the

asked what the traffic was like, how business was going. They said great. So it shocked me when, less than two months later, they were closing up shop. I was one of the lucky ones, losing less than \$400 — my deposit and the profits I earned in January. When I came in after hearing the store closed, Jeff and I got into it. He said I should just write off the money I lost on my next tax return. I told him, 'Why don't you pay what you owe me and claim that loss on your taxes?'"

Fagan began telling vendors to retrieve their inventory as



Jean Vavra

binned with the nearly complete unavailability of commercial credit, as a result of the continuing financial meltdown, left us no choice but to close our doors."

Additionally, Fagan cited "the loss of certain high volume vendors" and "somewhat lax management, motivated primarily out of compassion for our vendors." The compassion came in the form of "impractically low" license

from any requirement to pay off company debts. "Persons or entities which are owed money by Rock Paper Scissors need to look solely to the Limited Liability Company for payment," Fagan wrote.

The letter made mention of another business Fagan planned to open in Ocean Beach. "Ocean Beach will once again have a great store back in their community," he wrote. "It will not be called Rock Paper Scissors. The name has yet to be determined."

By the beginning of March, Fagan had opened the new business across the street from the former Rock Paper Scissors. The new name? Rock Paper Scissors Wholesale. In the next few weeks, Fagan traveled to Thailand to purchase inventory for the new business.

Jean Vavra is a Clairemont resident who began selling bath and body products at Rock Paper Scissors in mid-2007. She was paying \$430 a month in rent until December, when she doubled her square footage. Then she started paying \$960, though she says Fagan tried to get \$1100.

"I don't believe limited liability companies are designed for [what Fagan's done]. Thailand and the store across the street are where the lost assets went," says Vavra, who lost roughly \$1300 in rent, profits, and deposit when Rock Paper Scissors closed.

Vavra is running a cottage

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Rock Paper Scissors, former location

company's finances."

Grant, a photographer, was one of the last vendors to sign up for space at Rock Paper Scissors. "All I had was a few feet on a wall for hanging my photos," he says, "and I only paid \$75 a month for that." Vendors put down a deposit, paid monthly "license fees" for a space, and the following month were sent their profits, minus a 13 percent commission for the store.

"Before agreeing to the lease," Grant continues, "I

soon as Rock Paper Scissors closed. Later in February, he sent them a letter with fuller explanations of what happened. "We were forced out of business due to the unprecedented economic calamity which has befallen both the United States and the entire world economy..." he wrote. "The total collapse of the 2008 Holiday shopping season left us in an impossible cash flow bind, as a result of which we were unable to meet our operating expenses. This, com-

fees, allowing some vendors "to slide" on the monthly payments, not enforcing late fees, and "allowing too many vendors the option of operating on a commission only basis."

Fagan apologized for the financial losses the store's closing was costing vendors. At the same time, he informed them in no uncertain terms that they'd not squeeze a cent out of him. As an owner of a limited liability company, Fagan told them, he would be protected by California law

## STRINGERS

### Abducted by Choice

By Steve Terry, 5/4/09

Downtown San Diego — Horton Plaza Park (on Broadway between Third and Fourth avenues) was packed with noisy demonstrators on Saturday, April 25, between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Most of the estimated 1000 people were in their late teens and early 20s. Nearly everyone had sleeping bags, backpacks, and other overnight gear with them.

Earlier, at 1:30 p.m., between 20 and 30 organizers in blue-turquoise shirts with the words "Here to Help" had begun setting up in the park. Many held up large signs that read "The Rescue." A banner 5 feet high and 17 feet long that read "Abduction Point" was first held up by volunteers and later tied between two lampposts.

The majority of activists arrived after 3:00. A significant number of them wore olive-green T-shirts



printed with the image of an AK-47 rifle on the front. Depicted on the back was a teddy bear tied to the gun strap. The shirts symbolized solidarity with the children who have been abducted in Northern Uganda and forced to become soldiers in a rebel army.

### Grass Be Gone!

By Sanford Shapiro, 5/4/09

Encinitas — Pampas grass, a native of the Andes, is invasive plant number one in Encinitas. It has been planted by some people for its large, showy plumes; however, those plumes

produce millions of seeds that are spread by the wind. The grass is an aggressive colonizer that competes and displaces native vegetation and cannot be used by native birds and mammals that are consid-



ered pests.

Older clumps of Pampas grass can harbor rats and snakes and be a fire hazard. A group of volunteers is encouraging homeowners to remove any Pampas grass on their property. If the clumps are small, pulling or digging them out is best, especially if the soil is moist. Wear gloves, as the blades are abrasive! Most clumps, however, will be full size and the following is recommended:

1. Carefully cut off seed heads and bag them for disposal as trash
2. Apply glyphosate (aka Roundup) spray to the foliage. The herbicide is taken up by the foliage and transferred to the plant roots. It is safe for humans and pets and breaks down soon after application.
3. After foliage has died, remove it.

### Who Killed Richard Swink?

By Jonathan Eng, 5/3/09

Ocean Beach — Last Thursday morning, April 30, the body of Richard Howard Liams Swink was found lying on the sidewalk outside of the Ocean Beach library on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. Injuries to his abdomen and chest seemed to indicate that he had been stabbed to death.

Swink's body was discovered at around 6 a.m.

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million project suffered a setback last week. The federal Office of Management and Budget failed to include any beach-replenishment projects among the programs to be funded with federal stimulus money. The political tussle now shifts to Congress, which can still insert funding for the project in an upcoming energy and water appropriations bill. Representative Susan Davis, a Democrat whose district includes Imperial Beach, has requested \$3 million for the project. The city has secured some \$6 million from the Port of San Diego and the state toward the first \$14 million phase. The city has spent about \$450,000 since 2001 lobbying for sand projects and for engineering studies.

To supporters of sand replenishment, it is a sensible way to preserve the eroding coastline, which is key to the beach town's identity and

its economy.

"We have two million visitors a year coming to Imperial Beach," said Wade, the city's community development director. "Our population is just over 27,000. So not only do people from the region come, people come from all over. It's an international resource. I would go so far as to say that the economic benefits of a sandy beach far exceed the costs."

But Serge Dedina, lifelong surfer, environmentalist, and executive director of Wildcoast, an Imperial Beach-based group, says that's going way too far. Dedina says the sand-dumping programs amount to "bailing out multimillionaire beachfront homeowners" who worry that continued coastline erosion jeopardizes their properties.

"These big projects do not make sense," said Dedina. He says that Imperial Beach, still largely a working-class town, should have different priorities.

"Imperial Beach doesn't have a sand problem," said Dedina, pointing to the beach on a sunny, warm weekday afternoon. "What we have is a water-quality problem."

To say the least. Pollution from Tijuana has closed Imperial Beach's best surf breaks—Tijuana Sloughs and Boca Rio, at the southern end of the city — about 1600 days over the last decade, according to Wildcoast.

Mark Massara is director of coastal programs for the Sierra Club. "Generally, these programs are a bunch of engineers seeking millions of dollars of taxpayer money to throw in front of the seawalls of millionaires," said Massara. He argues — and no one disagrees on either side of this issue — that overdevelopment of coastlines and damming of rivers has severely diminished natural sand replenishment. But Massara says that developers want the public to pay to reverse the damage they've done.

Sand replenishment is acceptable, Massara said, only when it's part of a coordinated campaign to reverse environmentally damaging coastal development, such as a halt to the construction of seawalls, which contribute to beach erosion. Massara and Dedina insist that replenishment without taking these other measures is an expensive short-term solution. For example, Massara said, a countywide sand dump in 2001 was largely washed away within months.

But supporters of beach replenishment argue that there's little choice in the short term except to renourish beaches or see them erode. Supporters say further that their studies prove dumped sand can stay on beaches for at least several years.

Shelby Tucker, an associate regional planner with the San Diego Association of Governments, said studies of its 2001 sand-replenishment program — which dumped about

2 million cubic yards of sand along county beaches — provide evidence that most beaches retained some of the dumped sand more than seven years later.

"We expected the sand to stay on the beach for five years or so," said Tucker. While some of the sand was swept off the beaches, she said it stayed within the regional ocean ecosystem and returned to shorelines in recent years. The evidence for this is obvious on many beaches, she said, because of color differences between dumped sand and natural sand.

Rob Rundle, principal regional planner at San Diego Association of Governments, noted that cities don't have to participate in Sandag's sand program. Though most coastal cities have opted to take part, Del Mar and San Diego have chosen not to, primarily to save money. The program would have cost those cities about \$220,000 and \$1.2 million, respectively.

Marco Gonzalez, an attorney and member of the Surfrider Foundation's local advisory board, said a key issue is how the sand replenishment is done.

"I would agree philosophically that you can't simply address the symptoms of the problem [of beach erosion]," said Gonzalez. And he also agrees that many Corps of Engineers sand-dumping programs — particularly on the East Coast — have been badly done; there have been stories about live munitions dumped along with sand on some

beaches.

But Gonzalez said the San Diego Association of Governments' 2001 program was well done and well monitored. A good example of the program's success is George's Beach in Cardiff, not far from the Chart House Restaurant.

"Through the 1970s and 1980s, that was a good surf beach with a lot of recreation," said Gonzalez. "By the end of the 1990s, it was denuded, with all cobble[stones]. There was so little protection of Highway 101 that the City of Encinitas proposed a 500- to 600-foot seawall. Sandag replenished the heck out of that beach, and we enjoyed a few years of stability and the waves. It lasted four to five years, and that beach is still better than it was in 1997."

The bottom line, said Gonzalez, is that seven years after the first big countywide sand replenishment, "I see hundreds of thousands of people benefiting from that beach-sand project."

Rather than seeing the projects as benefiting wealthy coastal property owners, Gonzalez said he sees beach replenishment as protecting public access to the ocean. At the same time, he agreed on the need to press for restrictions on coastal development, which has blocked natural-sand deposition.

Others within Surfrider, however, think Sandag's approach has been misguided.

"I'm opposed to them relying on sand replenishment as the only tool to deal with beach erosion," said Jim Jaffee, who is also a member of Surfrider's local advisory board. "The problem is that we have a retreating coast and they've allowed people to build too close to the coastline in the past. We have not addressed that past problem. With rising sea levels [from global warming], we will have even more erosion. And I don't necessarily believe the projects they've done have been a big success."

There are so-called opportunistic sand programs that

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few oppose. Developers of Pacific Station in downtown Encinitas, for example, recently provided 37,000 cubic yards of sand from their project that went for beach restoration. Dedina and other opponents of large-scale projects have no trouble in principle with this type of program, though Jaffee said there was debris mixed into the sand from Pacific Station.

But there is broader opposition to big projects pressed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Opponents say these projects are strongly advocated for by a powerful lobby of affluent coastal property owners.

Steve Aceti, a lobbyist for beach restoration, says opponents of the projects overlook the environmental benefits of putting sand back on denuded beaches.

"When we restore a beach habitat, we see snowy plovers and least terns come back,

along with grunion," said Aceti. "An incidental benefit goes to the private homeowners [along the coast], and that's what has beach-restoration opponents up in arms."

Aceti insisted that when he lobbies for beach restoration, he looks "at the ecosystem and recreational benefits. I am not looking at the homeowners." And with the county losing an estimated 35 million cubic yards of sand annually, Aceti said, "You have to recharge the system or watch it wash away."

Dedina said the big projects pressed by Aceti and others have caused environmental damage. He's particularly critical of the Corp of Engineers' project in 2004, which Dedina says dumped questionable sand off Imperial Beach that included rebar and caused odors, leading surfers to name the site "Toxics."

The Army Corps of Engineers' \$60 million project, he said, would pull sand

from an area that is too close to the sewer outfall pipe from the International Wastewater Treatment Plant and that may contain munitions fired from the Army's World War I-era Ream Field gunnery range.

"This is ten times bigger than other projects," Dedina said. "It would destroy fishing and surfing."

Dedina is also miffed about what he characterized as Imperial Beach's failure to fully involve the community in planning. Wade, the city's community development director, said there have been multiple opportunities for citizen involvement.

Wade agreed that the 2004 dump was done badly by the Army Corps of Engineers. For the smaller harbor-dredging project that could begin later this year, the development director said the corps will use equipment that will partly filter the material before it is deposited off the beach. ■

## Rock, paper

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industry. "I started my bath and body business in the kitchen of my house in 2000, and it was just street fairs in the beginning. Now I have reps around the country. I started doing the retail — these little co-op stores like Rock Paper Scissors — to help my sales and to better know what products were moving and how to merchandise and sell my line better."

A number of other stores in the San Diego area follow a business model similar to the one Rock Paper Scissors used. Vavra sells in three of them: Pangaea Outpost in Pacific Beach, Eye of Buddha in Hillcrest, and Leaping Lotus of Solana Beach. "All of them operate on the up-and-up," says Vavra.

"I started doing it for fun," she continues. "I made soap for years, then gave it away for Christmas one year, and people later said that it helped them with their

eczema and they wanted to order it. So I started selling it on the side, and I got tired of the corporate world — I was the manager of the accounting department for a title insurance company. In 2000, I quit my job and started this full-time.

"We have different things we make from scratch. And we have some things we get a lab to make for us. We then just add our scents and colors and put it in our packaging. I doubled, or nearly doubled, the first four years and had double-digit growth every year since, even last year with this economy. Then I started buying other lines. Now I resell for other companies as well.

"So it's really disheartening what Fagan's done," says Vavra, "because vendors have to have absolute faith that the store is paying you correctly, legitimately. I would love to have him audited to see what he was putting into his own accounts."

From her Point Loma home, Rebecca Berggren can look down on Newport Avenue. "I was one of the first vendors at Rock Paper Scissors," she tells me. "I started selling my products there in June 2006."

Under her business name, Karma Market, Berggren sells fair-trade jewelry and home decor. "The fair-trade movement," she says, "markets products that are certified to have been produced justly, no child labor or debilitating working conditions involved. It means that the people who

create the jewelry are all paid a fair wage. You can buy these products instead of purchasing jewelry that may have been created in a sweatshop or by kids abroad. The movement helps support artisans around the world. The reason I went into Fagan's store was to give fair trade some exposure in local communities."

Berggren says she experienced no problems with Fagan until the end. She was paying \$300 a month until, in January, her rent rose to \$500. Then came February 3, when Fagan began informing vendors that Rock Paper Scissors was closing. "By that time, I had already taken my products out of the store, so I was lucky in that way, I guess. In December, I noticed that my sales had dropped significantly versus the previous December, and I figured it was probably time, plus Karma Market is a second job," says Berggren. Her first is marketing aquariums.

"When I received word that Fagan was closing down," she continues, "and he told us he was going bankrupt, I hightailed it to the bank. I was hoping there still would be money in the bank to cover the December check that he wrote me."

But the bank told Berggren there were insufficient funds to cover the check. The check was a little over \$1500. By the time January's figures came in, Berggren was owed a little over \$2500.

Berggren suspects that Fagan "commingled" vendors' profits with his own funds. "The products were never his to sell for his profit," she says. "The money was never his to use." The separation of vendors' spaces in the store, she thinks, should have meant that, in bookkeeping, their profit accounts were kept separate from each other's and any store accounts. If profits were put into and never taken out of vendors' accounts, they would still have been there at the end. Fagan then would have been able to pay off vendors on the day Rock Paper Scissors

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closed.

One other vendor with whom I spoke briefly said that is exactly what happened at a similar store in which she also sold products. When the store announced it was going bankrupt, it invited all vendors in to collect their last profits and any other money in their accounts.

If Fagan did commingle funds to pay his bills, the vendors who lost money might be able to prevail in court. To check the possibilities, I place a call to Paul Graf, professor of business law at SDSU. Graf tells me that corporations and limited liability companies are different for tax purposes but similar in protecting owners from the organizations' debts.

How about, I ask, if Fagan commingled vendors' profits with his own funds? "Ah, commingling is a different matter," Graf says. "If that were proved, it could allow for what's called 'piercing the corporate veil.' "Then, even in small-claims court, "where you can get good justice," he says, the judge might want to put aside limitations on liability to enforce fairness. "Although the small-claims process for an individual takes some time, I would not want to discourage any claimants from using that process. I frankly do not know if a small-claims judge will contemplate a class action. It may be necessary to file the class action in a regular court." ■

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by a passing bicyclist who went to the nearby Arco gas station and had the attendant call 911.

Swink had no personal possessions nearby and was not wearing shoes. Early in the morning, a man was taken into custody for questioning but was later released.

Due to the crime scene's proximity to Ocean Beach Elementary school (across the street), many parents were upset that the body was not covered during the investigation, which lasted about four hours.

### The Emerald Solution

By Dorian Hargrove, 5/2/09

Downtown San Diego — On Thursday, April 30, District 7 representative Marti Emerald issued a memo to Budget Review Committee chair Tony Young that listed a few of her ideas for fiscal reform.

Emerald objects to the mayor using over \$22 million from reserves to balance the \$62 million budget deficit for fiscal year 2010.

"I do not agree with the premise of using one-time reserve funds to do the job," says Emerald in an April 30 press release.

Emerald is looking to each department head to identify two significant expenses from their budget that could be "eliminated, absorbed into another function, or reduced."

Emerald says it's the

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department managers that are most knowledgeable and qualified to suggest ways to trim the fat from the city budget without impacting levels of city services.

"Hopefully, the departments' items would make up the majority of the remaining cost reductions needed for FY10 of \$22.1 million," says Emerald in the memo.

### Delayed Competition

By Dorian Hargrove, 5/1/09

Mayor Jerry Sanders says he wants progress on managed competition. There hasn't been much since 2006, when voters passed the initiative to move toward privatizing city services.

In the 2010 budget, Sanders set aside \$500,000 to establish a contract with an outside firm that will facilitate the city's move toward privatization.

According to a report on the mayor's 2010 budget by the independent budget analyst, part of the reason for the delay is ongoing negotiations with the Association of Federal, State, County and Municipal Employees and the Municipal Employees Association (MEA). Both unions filed an unfair labor practice suit against the City in 2008.

During an April 29 Budget Review Committee meeting, some councilmembers voiced their

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thoughts on managed competition.

First up was councilmember Carl DeMaio. "People always say, 'Well, it's a great idea for saving taxpayer money, but we have a budget to pass now and we just don't have time exploring that cost-saving idea.' [Fiscal year 2011] is going to be worse than [fiscal year 2010], so issues like managed competition...I think need to be put on the table now."

Next up was councilmember Donna Frye, who in the past has been an opponent of privatizing city services.

"I don't recall – perhaps maybe I missed that meeting – where managed competition was brought forward by the mayor's office," said Frye. "Well, there seems to be some misunderstanding. It remains on hold, not as a result from any action or lack of action from this legislative body, but due to the fact that

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nothing has ever come forward."

Some minutes later, during public comment, a representative for the Municipal Employees Association, Cathleen Higgins, spoke.

"I don't really know what they're talking about, that it's [managed competition] on hold. MEA has been meeting diligently since December," said Higgins.

### Ghost Rider

By Josh Grant, 4/30/09

Julian — Witnesses reported a motorcycle crash at approximately 1:45 p.m. on April 29. Volunteer sheriff's deputies were the first to reach the scene on Highway 79, near the Green Valley state campgrounds. No rider could be located, and a short search of the surrounding area ensued.

After more law-enforcement officers arrived, one of them stated that they believed the rider had left with the aid of a friend. Because the motorcycle sustained major damage,

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Abandoned motorcycle

deputies believed the rider was injured. One officer noticed missing bark from a tree, likely struck by the thrown rider.

### Big Fly in the Sky

By Cindy Winslow, 4/30/09

Poway — A low-flying helicopter hovered over Sabre Springs on the morning of April 29. Its mission was to kill mosquito larvae in three areas of standing water near the intersection of Poway Road and Sabre Springs Parkway.

The helicopter, commissioned by San Diego County Vector Control, dropped larvicide on the mosquito-breeding sites at about 9:00 a.m. The County hopes the aerial application will help keep the mosquito population in check and reduce the possibility of the spread of West Nile virus during warmer months.

"Juvenile mosquitoes don't have wings, so they are easier to target," says Chris Wickham of County Vector Control. The application areas are near neighborhood homes and businesses. "The larvicide we drop is an extremely safe product," Wickham explains that the bacteria in the larvicide are only deadly to insects in the order Diptera (flies). "The only Diptera that live in the water column are mosquitoes."

### Let's Toast to Banning Booze

By Dorian Hargrove, 4/29/09

Old Town — During District 2 councilmember Kevin Faulconer's state of the district speech in Old Town on April 27, he listed his accomplishments during the past three years.

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One of his proudest accomplishments so far has been banning alcohol from San Diego's beaches.

"I couldn't fight for Mission Bay without addressing the problems alcohol was creating at our beaches and bays."

Though the issue was hotly contested (the proposition passed with only a 5 percent margin last November), Faulconer claims the benefits of dry beaches aren't debatable.

He says that since the ban took effect, alcohol-related incidents have been reduced by 20 percent, calls to the police from beach communities have dropped to a five-year low, emergency response time is faster citywide because of less-alcohol related calls, and fewer taxpayer dollars have been shelled out for policing the beaches during holiday weekends.

### Comments:

#### 1. What a load of crap!

The 20 percent reduction in alcohol events is probably due to the 50 percent reduction in people going to the beach. Lets punish everyone because 1 percent of the people are idiots and cause trouble when they are drunk. Maybe we should ban cars because then there would be no street racing accidents.

By jgorm 7:30 a.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 2. Wow! Down 20 percent in the middle of winter. That is truly amazing.

By Jamulman 8:17 a.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 3. As much as I love love love drinking on the beach, it's just a sad truth that too many douchebags were f-ing it up for the rest of us. The beach has not been an enjoyable place to spend the day at in recent

years, unless you were trying to land a spot on the next *Real World* installment.

And, yes, there is a 50 percent reduction in people going to the beach — solely because they can't drink there. Now the people who go to the beach to actually enjoy it can do so without having to squeeze their family's towel and umbrella in between an old couch and an ice luge.

By IBJenny 9:17 a.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 4. I voted for this tool for the express reason that he said he would not ban booze at the beach. Guess what he did. Next time he is up for re-election he's toast. Why don't people realize that just because a few people can't handle their freedoms correctly it is no reason to take those freedoms away from everyone else?

By morgino 10:34 a.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 5. For those of you who are upset that drinking a cold beer on the beach is now illegal, there's a new kid in town who will be running against Kevin Faulconer in 2010. Samuel Assmann, a 27-year-old from Crown Point. I'll be helping Sam with his campaign as we never saw this as a black/white issue.

By mr\_justincarver  
2:12 p.m., Apr 30, 2009

#### 6. They forgot to mention the increase in drunk driving incidents that have occurred from people leaving the beach area. People smuggle liquor instead of having a beer because it is easier to conceal but the effects are way worse on a hot sunny day. Maybe if the police would have been patrolling and giving "drunk in public" to begin with and enforcing the law at the get-go, those guys would not have gotten so out of control. I hope those 17 people out of the 4 million living in San Diego are holding their heads in shame. It's almost summer and I would like to have a cold one at the beach.

P.S. Anyone who did not live in San Diego city, such as La Mesa or surrounding areas that use the beaches, did not get the option of voting on this law. They set it up so only people within the City of San Diego could vote, even though all of us use the beaches.

By Punks 2:24 p.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 7. I would like to personally reach out to everyone and let them know change is around the corner in 2010. If you read the above passage, you noticed that I will begin my grass roots campaigning for City Council, District 2, for 2010 in the near future.

Mr. Faulconer has proved again how politics and mis-education and misrepresentation of the general public are directly correlated. My name is Sam Assmann (yes, Assmann), a 27-year-old, from Crown Point.

By Assmann4citycouncil  
3:51 p.m., Apr 30, 2009

#### 8. You've got my vote and my support!

By oblocal 4:24 p.m.,  
Apr 30, 2009

#### 9. "The beach has not been an enjoyable place to spend the day at in recent years"

Sorry, but IB has never been one of the nice

gle drunk there, but now there can never be another barbecue where I can enjoy a beer due to these idiots that probably never go to the beach anyway. Welcome to Socialifornia, just wait for the 12 p.m. mandatory curfew to reduce DUIs.

By jgorm 7:42 a.m.,  
May 1, 2009

### Cliff Hanger

By Casey Bollier, 4/30/09  
Ocean Beach — At approximately 12:30 p.m. on April 21, a middle-aged woman fell down a cliff above the beach at the end of Santa



Emergency personnel help injured woman at foot of Santa Cruz Avenue

beaches. There have been loads of burns there since as long as I can remember. Try some of the many other beaches and you'll see. I spend a lot of time at the beaches and prefer the cove area. I have never seen a sin-

Cruz Avenue. An ambulance was called, and within minutes police cars, fire engines, and lifeguard vehicles were on the scene. From the fenced end of the street, the woman tumbled 30 feet, onto a concrete path directly above the beach. While her injuries appeared to be non-fatal, she was uncooperative with emergency personnel.

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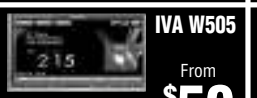
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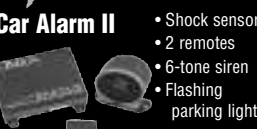
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
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### Heartbroken Narcissist

Nasreen Atassi should hope that her article "Searching for San Diego's Sea Turtles...and a Job" (Cover Story, April 30) will not be read by anyone in San Diego County who is in a position to hire. What a steaming pile of dreck to foist on your readers during the worst economic downturn since the Depression: a job search by someone who hates both workers and working. Good luck with that.

Combined with self-awareness, narcissism is probably a healthy thing, part of a personality's defense mechanism. I would cop to it. On the evidence of her article, though, it sounds (reads) as if she floats through a field of highest self-regard with no anchor of self-awareness to keep her down to earth where the rest of us plebes dwell.

Does she have the tiniest idea how offensive some of her random thoughts are to anyone who has to work for a living? Whatever happened to respect for those who work? Myself, I love my job, but I say that people who hate their jobs are still contributing to something outside of themselves, to the larger society. Likely they are also working for the benefit of some person outside themselves. They're likely *not* living at home

postgraduation, bumming money from their parents, thinking of marriage as a way to avoid work, or quitting job after job while offering nothing but disdain for anyone who...well, jeez, for anyone period: if you're working, you're a whore in business drab, and if you're not working, you're a sushi-nibbling trophy wife. Nice. Thanks, Nasreen! What is it you do to support yourself again? Oh, that's right, you keep quitting.

I wouldn't wish Ms. Atassi's obnoxious presence on any city, so I won't shriek at her to go back to San Francisco, but in over 25 years of reading the Reader, I've never felt such animus toward any writer based on a single article. Please don't make her a part of your stable of contributors — the others don't deserve to have to share any column inches with a spoiled, contemptuous hack. John Brizzolara, Barbarella, Ollie, Josh Board, Naomi Wise, Ed Bedford — my favorite Reader writers and first-person narcissists all — all have something that Nasreen Atassi lacks: heart, probably a broken one. I hope she finds hers before she writes another word. Until then, I'll pass on any article with her byline.

Neil Allen  
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Hey, Matt:

*So what's with the funky lighting along the new 5/805 merge? They have cute red-and-white beanies, antennas, and really cool monkey trapezes. I've only seen this style of lights in one other place in my travels around the U.S., and I'm wondering what's so special about them.*

— Charlie in Spring Valley

Hi, Matt:

*I've been seeing these cameras all over town, and they look quite a bit more sophisticated than red-light cameras.... [There is] one in particular at Mission Bay Drive and Garnet.*

— Mike, on the road

Dear Mr. Alice:

*I would like if you can tell me the purpose of little white boxes that are along I-5 in North County. They are on poles with solar panels. They don't have a lens and don't look like cameras; instead they are little white boxes with perforations. Are they checking for explosives or poisonous gases?*

— Mr. Paranoid, North County

You all seem to be quite baffled by things on poles lately. Beanies, monkey trapezes, poisonous gases — what an assortment. But I guess when things on poles start generating mass paranoia, it's time for the elves to come to the rescue. They divided into three teams after considerable yelling and belly bumping (everybody wanted the trapeze question, nobody wanted the explosives question), and here's what they came up with.

First of all, the elves found that things on poles are never as much fun as we might hope. Of course, you don't have to believe any of the elf report and instead go back to your favorite made-up story. You always have that option here at the Matthew Alice Office of Genome Mapping and Peanut Butter Technology. So, Charlie, what's up with your poles with beanies? They're officially called high-mast lights and have been around since the 1960s. Our particular high masts are set at the intersection of three freeways (5, 805, 56) and several city streets, which, according to Caltrans, comprises 21 lanes of traffic. If they'd tried to put up standard freeway light poles for that many curvy lanes, the place would look like a big metal forest. No way it would work. The solution? Fewer but higher poles with four large lights in a circular configuration on each pole

to illuminate a greater area.

Grandma always grumbles when it's time to change the bulbs in the ballroom chandelier. Next time she does, we'll take her out to see the high masts and give her a taste of a real bulb-change challenge. Each four-bulb fixture is 60 feet up on its pole (any higher and they would have illuminated nearby condos). When it's maintenance time, the whole circular light fitting, with the antennas and trapezes and beanie, are lowered by a cable. When they go back in place, workers use the striped beanie, hanging trapezes, and vertical "antennas" (not really antennas) to gauge whether the light fitting is properly placed horizontally and vertically.

For anyone who's not seen the high masts, maybe this would make a jolly and informative Sunday outing for the kiddies.

Mike's "sophisticated" red-light cameras are more a matter of logic than imagination. But at least they're simpler than the high masts. Consider a single pole with two arms, each of which runs briefly horizontally then turns up, giving the whole structure the look of a semaphore signaler without his flags. At the top of the left arm is a red-light camera. On the right is a large, circular glass fixture. Simple enough.

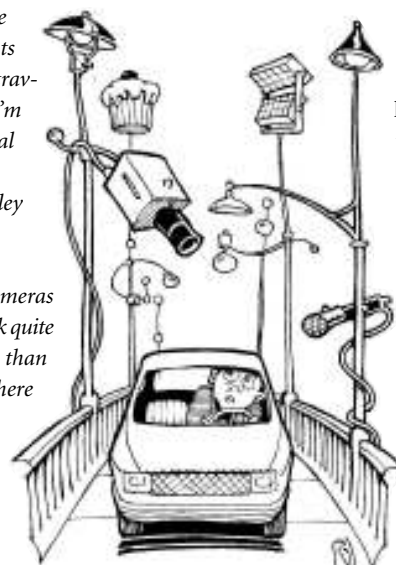
Act I: Mike is hustling to a late-evening dinner date...behind time, as usual. The traffic light at Mission Bay and Garnet turns yellow and Mike guns it. Too late, once again. *Flash! Click!* Act II: The wheels of justice are in motion. Mike's due for an expensive surprise in the mail. The flash, of course, is from the large, circular glass thingy (a flashlight) illuminating the intersection and Mike's car, synchronized with the camera's shutter. The camera alone wouldn't be of much use once the sun's set.

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## SportingBox

BY PATRICK DAUGHERTY

### What Do You Know?



Ben Rothman

**H**ere's Ben Rothman, 25, a graduate of UC San Diego in psychology, a waiter, a construction worker, and currently ranked number 2 in the USA and 29th in the world. Two weeks back Rothman won the national singles and doubles tournament, beating a multiyear champion.

Rothman is the new star on the professional croquet tour. Starting Saturday and going through May 17, he can be found at the World Croquet Championship, West Palm Beach, Florida. Eighty of the world's best, representing 25 countries, will be crossing mallets. This sporting gala is brought to you by the U.S. Croquet Association (USCA) and World Croquet Federation (WCF).

Last year was Rothman's breakout year. He won the North American Open and took home \$3000. Won the Peachwood Classic, took home \$900. Came in second in the Rocky Mountain International Open, took home \$600.

All right, readers, let's take a break and walk down to the neighborhood bar, pass the hat, and get up a decent winner's purse for next week.

Professional croquet in America has no sponsors, no newspaper coverage, no ESPN, and, especially, no money. On the other hand, people who play serious croquet are playing in the domain of the rich and can expect a little shake. Croquet tournaments are usually hosted by the nation's swankiest country clubs.

The year was 1977. Five eastern croquet clubs formed the United States Croquet Association, championing a new version of the sport called American Rules Croquet. The rest of the world plays Association Croquet.

Let's hold up here. This is going along like a normal column, and I've been reading up on Rothman like I do for a normal column... everything normal until I came upon an insanely long interview by the founding editor of *CroquetWorld Online Magazine*, Bob Alman. The interview was conducted in

November 2008. It's the strangest and best athlete's interview I can recall reading. Follows is a tiny portion that I've edited to fit in here.

Bob Alman: ...which is the most fun: American or Association tournaments?

Ben Rothman: I enjoy the Association tournaments more because you're playing at a high level, and the interaction is such that the only way of getting in the game is hitting in...whereas in a lot of American Rules games, you're going to be waiting for some kind of breakdown of the opponent.... You begin to root for them failing at certain times...and that's what I want to avoid....

Bob: Let's talk more about impulse and inspiration in the middle of a game. I had thought that your [tournament] 25-foot hoop shot might be that. Odds [of making the shot are] off, but you felt you should do it anyway.

Ben: Yes, there are times when the shot you're going to hit is the shot to make, even when it's a riskier shot....

Bob: ...you will go with the flow sometimes, when the percentages don't necessarily agree...? Even though you're not a Taoist...

Ben: But I think I AM a Taoist, following the way...

Bob: You're kidding. You call yourself a Taoist?

Ben: I AM a Taoist.

Bob: Well, it's not likely that a self-proclaimed Taoist like you would also be an Objectivist — it seems contradictory. So what other labels WOULD you apply to yourself? [long pause] Maybe you don't apply any. Because the labels are confining, self-limiting...

Ben: And self-fulfilling sometimes.

Bob: Are you any good at a REAL sport?

Ben: I've played competitive tennis in high school pretty well. I've played competitive Frisbee in college.

Bob: I can talk to you about Frisbee. I didn't compete, but I loved my Frisbee. I was there when it was first invented, in the dawning of the Age of Aquarius, before you were born, at the same time when everyone remotely hip was taking really GREAT drugs to open the doors of perception. One of those doors, for me, happened to be with the Frisbee, on a Big Sur beach, on the mushroom, psilocybin, throwing the Frisbee far out over the waves, in a variable wind, and having it boomerang right back to my hand, every time. Amazing. I'll never forget it, the wonder of it, the miracle of it.... I learned that I knew things that I couldn't possibly know or didn't know that I knew.

Ben: The all-knowing subconscious. I'm SURE my subconscious knows things that I don't know I know. It's me, but a "me" I can't readily access. My method would be simply TRUSTING in the subconscious, on the croquet court, all the time. Allowing that I know things that I don't know and trusting that I know things that I don't know.

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by Barbarella

## Not So Swedish

*A man can stand a lot as long as he can stand himself. He can live without hope, without friends, without books, even without music, as long as he can listen to his own thoughts.*

— Axel Munthe, Swedish writer

**R**osa and Josue, this is Urs and Gudrun. Urs is Swiss and Gudrun is German, but they currently live in Sweden.” It was a long introduction, but I had to be careful so as not to repeat my faux pas from the day before, when I’d introduced our houseguests to a neighbor by saying, “These are the Swedes.”

“We are *not* Swedish” had come the fast reply from Gudrun, after which Urs had shaken his head with the disconcerted amusement of one reacting to a child who had made an impolite observation.

I first met the “not Swedish” couple in 2006 at an exhibition of David’s photography in Zurich. Then, in October 2007, David and I journeyed to our new friends’ place on Swedish soil for an annual art festival. After a

week of hibernating in the town of Vickleby (five miles from Mörbylånga, a small village that is home to the worst pizza in the world), the four of us spent ten days traveling around Italy. We invited Urs and Gudrun to visit us in San Diego, but the politically minded pair had vowed not to return to the States until Bush was out of office. The moment

Obama’s victory was declared, they booked their tickets.

When we bought our place, David and I imagined the extra room downstairs might serve as guest quarters. But soon after we moved in, I fell in love with a sizable corner desk, and in no time the entire space was tricked out as my office/sanctuary.

I made sure that David gave full disclosure to Urs and Gudrun when he offered our home. In an email, David explained that we have no coverings on the floor-to-ceiling windows. He attached photos of the futon, located in the middle of an open space that includes the kitchen, David’s home office, and two seating areas. He also mentioned that the four of us would be sharing the downstairs bathroom and would therefore have to coordinate our showers. Our friends were fine with the setup, responding that everything sounded wonderful and they couldn’t wait to see us.

“You know what just occurred to me?” I said to David while we were

unpacking groceries the afternoon before Urs and Gudrun were to arrive. David shrugged and waited for me to continue. “The four of us don’t have to share a bathroom — you and I can use the shower in our room. I know it’s irritating to squeegee the glass, but it’s only a few days, and it just makes sense. I mean, we *do* have two bathrooms. Why not use them?”

David agreed that this was a good plan. We’d stopped using the shower in our bathroom a week after moving into the place because we preferred the design of the curtained tub in the second bathroom, and all that post-shower squeegee-ing is a pain in the ass. Even though the glass-enclosed stall is visible from our bed, it had been years since we’d thought of it as a “shower.” I was pleased with my observation; I wondered if David felt as magnanimous as I did at the idea of sacrificing our preferred bathroom for the sake of our guests’ comfort. It’s not an easy thing to break one’s routine, especially for one as obsessive-compulsive as me. With this in mind, I had a newfound appreciation for all the friends and family who have put me up over the years, a list that includes Urs and Gudrun.

After they had arrived and learned that they would have a bathroom of their own (I even cleaned up my office to allow them room for luggage, dressing, and hiding out when necessary), we spent that first evening catching up over a bottle of wine and David’s simple-but-tasty Italian dish of spaghetti, zucchini, and white pepper. I had forgotten about our friends’ unfavorable opinion of their resident country. As they

reminded me — using current examples to support their seasoned stance on all things Swedish — I wondered if perhaps their pride had more to do with *being* Swiss and German than *not being* Swedish.

This was Gudrun’s first visit to San Diego. I was excited at the prospect of giving her and Urs a positive impression of my hometown. David and I planned an itinerary that included the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla, breakfast at Bread & Cie in Hillcrest, the Botanical Garden and the Prado in Balboa Park, and Hacienda de Vega in Escondido, among some of our other favorite spots.

“Swedes have no fashion sense,” Urs said while we waited for the museum to open. “Like her,” he gestured at a frumpy woman across the street. “She could be Swedish.”

“You can’t talk to Swedish people about anything,” Gudrun said while we noshed on corn chips at Hacienda de Vega. “I went to a neighbor’s party, and they all sat in a circle, an actual circle, like children in school.”

“It’s true,” added Urs. “If you ask a question outside of the weather or something else that is very surface, they don’t answer you.”

After I offered Gudrun a sip of my margarita, she asked, “Did you know that Swedish people drink milk with dinner?” My jaw dropped in disbelief. “Really, they do,” she insisted. “You could be out at a nice restaurant, and someone will order a filet and a glass of cold milk, the way you might order wine. It’s very normal there. Whereas, anywhere else, you order milk and they look

**“You could be out at a nice restaurant, and someone will order a filet and a glass of cold milk.”**

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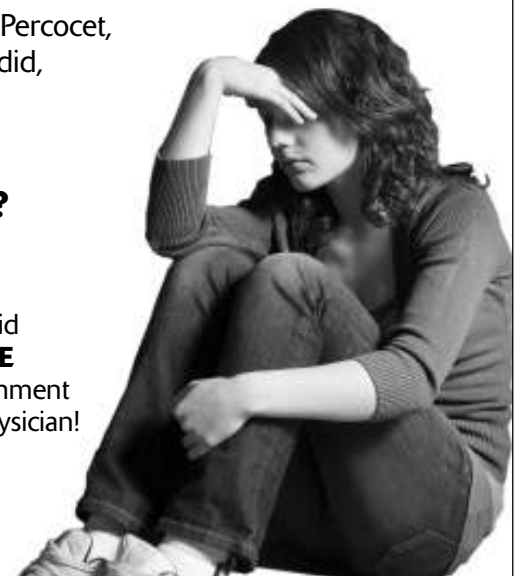
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for where is the child.”

On their last day here, I asked our friends what had been the highlight of their stay, and they both agreed it had been the spontaneous gathering on our terrace, the evening Rosa and Josue had appeared with a bottle of wine and the six of us enjoyed the rare balmy evening discussing art, philosophy, and our respective cultures. “That was the best thing about San Diego?” I asked. “Don’t you do that with your friends at home?” Then Urs and Gudrun said

they had no friends in Sweden. “None?” I asked. “How can that be?”

I remembered something Gudrun had mentioned a few days before: when working on television projects, the couple spends long hours with many people. One of the reasons they moved to a tiny island town off the coast of Sweden was to get away from others during their downtime. I guess it made sense that they’d

chosen someplace where they wouldn’t be tempted to socialize. In Sweden, they’d found a refuge not only from a major source of strain (people at work) but also from any subconscious desire they might have to build relationships that could lead to a sense of obligation or stress. Maybe they’re more Swedish than they realize. ■

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# Crasher

## SKULLCRUSHER AND VAPORIZER

by Josh Board

**C**had teaches at SDSU and lives in the Clairemont area. He threw a party for his 30th birthday about a month ago. I brought a few women with me. We stopped and bought some booze and a cake.

Chad's backyard was perfect for a party — it's huge and has a beautiful canyon view. When DJ Skullcrusher started spinning, I heard one of the guests say that canyons are the worst for music. "The sound travels directly to those houses on the other side," he explained.

I saw Chad, who was carrying a huge mug filled with beer. I asked him about the potential noise problem. He told me that his neighbors were informed about the party and that he had invited them. He wasn't sure if the people on the other side of the canyon would complain.

A video screen was set up that showed interesting colors and abstract images moving in sync with the music. I heard a song I liked and asked the DJ if it was the Ting Tings. He said he wasn't sure but would tell me later, after he checked his computer.

There was a huge Moonbounce that everyone was jumping in and sliding down. I asked if



Left: Moonbouncer; Right: birthday boy Chad and the blonde

there was a weight limit, and I heard someone 30 feet behind me say, "It's 105." I replied, "Well, that thing is going to pop, then. Everyone in there is over 105 pounds."

Someone nearby pointed out that there was a full moon over the Moonbounce. I said, "The odds of that happening are about 1 in 83." A drunk woman said,

**"I smuggled  
tequila into  
the symphony  
recently."**

"Really? How can you figure that out so fast? Are you, like, one of those math wizards?"

I saw Chad again, and the

beer in his mug was almost gone. I asked him how he could drink that much, and he said, "This is already my third." I guessed the mug held at least two pints. I asked if he felt different being 30, and he said, "Well...I dress like a grown-up now."

A pretty blonde woman walked by, and I asked if I could get a picture of them together. She wasn't sure who Chad was, but she smiled for the photo.

A few minutes later, when I talked to someone else, I heard her say that she should at least kiss Chad because he was the birthday boy. Soon afterward, I saw them head off into another room.

I grabbed some wine in the kitchen, and a woman named Christina was talking about some Australian wine she'd brought. I told her I'd try it after I finished the glass I had.

In another room, a Jenga game was going on. I went over to watch for a few minutes. Someone asked for a piece of gum, and I said, "Is that what you use to make the pieces stick together?" They looked at me as if I was nuts.

There was a cute Asian woman in the kitchen talking to two guys. Her voice was completely gone, and I heard her say, "I can't talk really well. Can I just text you the answer to that?"

She and this guy stood five feet from each other, having a texting conversation.

Twenty minutes later, I saw Chad again. He had more beer in his mug, and I asked, "Did you get lucky?" He said, "I owe you for helping me out. But we just talked for a little bit. And we made out. It was nice. But if it helps make the article more exciting, you can say we did something."

I asked about his teaching job at State. He was an instructor for a class on surfing that dealt with the history as well as social aspects. The first class had 91 students.

A couple of guys were boxing with the Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots. I said to them, "You guys should combine this with the Jenga game." One replied, "We tried. The Jenga crowd just got pissed."

A woman watching them play kept saying in a deep voice, "Let's get ready to rumble!"

As I walked into the kitchen to grab a piece of cake, I heard a few people talking Jenga strategy. As I walked to the backyard, I heard the Jenga blocks collapse.

When I got onto the back deck, I saw the Moonbounce had deflated and was being pumped up again.

It was a lot more popular than the hot tub, which didn't have a single person in it.

A lot of people were dancing on the back deck, and the party had kicked up a notch.

One guy pulled a flask off his belt. I told him I don't see many flasks these days. He said, "It comes in handy. I smuggled tequila into the symphony recently. It made intermission fun."

The Moonbounce was up and going within five minutes. Because of the laughter and yelling coming from inside it — and the music and dancing — the cops showed up. At first, everyone was ushered into the house, and they tried to keep things quiet. Within 15 minutes, many people were back out in the yard.

The DJ had the music going in one of the rooms, which was tiny and packed with about 40 people

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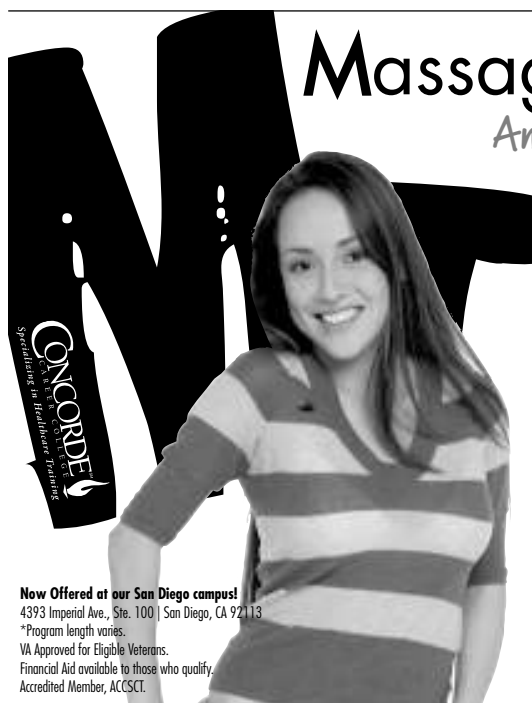
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dancing. The only light was the occasional strobe.

One woman was all over two guys. Someone leaned into me and said, "I think she's on E."

After 1:00 a.m. I checked out things again in the backyard. The Moon-bounce was tilted to one side. A few people who were still in it looked like a sweaty mess.

In another corner, a few guys were smoking pot. They had it in a tube that didn't burn. I had never heard of such a device, and they were trying to explain it to me. As one of them did, another said, "Come on, dude. Vaporize me."

The device looked like a long tube, but I couldn't see any smoke coming from it.

As I walked back into the house, I heard one of the guys say, "I was frank with Frank. I had to be." Another person laughed for five minutes after hearing that line.

Inside the house, I

heard Chad talking about being in India for three weeks for a wedding.

Another guy talked about how he has 15-15 vision. Someone asked what that meant, and he explained, "Perfect vision is 20-20. With my vision, it looks like something is 15 feet away when it's 20 feet away."

As I was getting ready to leave, I saw the DJ leaving. I said, "Hey...did you ever find out the name of

the song?" He replied, "No. But I'll find it tomorrow and email you what it was."

I wondered how he'd do that because we never exchanged info. ■

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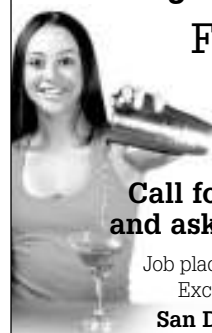
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She pauses, considering.

“The whole thing just sounds...dangerous,” she says.

“I mean, staying in strangers’ houses? They could be anyone.”

I shrug, forgetting for the moment that she can’t see me.

“I don’t know,” I tell her. “I’ll think about it.”

The first time I heard the term

“couchsurfing” was, I believe, sometime in college. I had just asked a temporarily homeless friend where he was staying during his brief un-residence, and he looked at me with a grin.

“Oh,” he said, “I’m surfing couches.”



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I have since found that couchsurfing goes far beyond the need for a place to lay one's head when in a jam. A near-literal term, couchsurfing has become an international phenomenon in which travelers, often in lieu of more traditional lodging, opt to stay on the couches of people they may never have laid eyes on. Even when in countries foreign to them and where they do not know the native language, couchsurfers stay with strangers.

Off the phone, I replay the conversation with my stepmother in my head. *Dangerous. Could be anyone.* I can feel my forehead wrinkling. *Is this, I wonder, such a good idea?*

*It looks good on paper, I reason, and the whole thing started out well*

*enough.* According to the "Founders" page of the official couchsurfing site, *CouchSurfing.org*, then-26-year-old Casey Fenton had grabbed a cheapo one-way ticket from Boston to Iceland. With no place to stay, Fenton turned to the computer, emailing strangers in Iceland — most were from the university there — to see if he could finagle a spot to crash. The response was, by Fenton's report, overwhelming (he received something like 50 emails), and a few years and several journeys later, the site was born, complete with slogan: "Participate in Creating a Better World, One Couch at a Time."

The site itself is user-friendly. "Search for a couch now!" a pull-down menu beckons; it informs

visitors that the United States has 116,868 couches currently available. On the right-hand side of the page, visitors are told who is online and from what country. At the upper-left-hand corner is a small picture of a crowd of, one assumes, smiling *CouchSurfing.org* members, an inflatable sofa cast aloft above them.

In California, a menu titled "Couchsearch" informs us that San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco have the most "hosts" (people who let couchsurfers into their homes), each with 1000-plus. Click on "populate map with surfers" (a term that is used on the site to mean both couchsurfers and hosts), and little virtual map-pins appear; mouse over these, and individual

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boxes pop up, complete with name and picture. Virtual dossiers, there are thousands of these profiles, each with a snapshot; smiling faces peer out, some in front of elaborate land- and cityscapes, trophies of their travels.

Evening falls quickly, and soon I am due at the Bamboo Lounge. It is here that I will be introduced to my first couchsurfers, contacted through the site's media coordinator.

I arrive at the bar early and am directed by the bartender to a back room. He pops a sign on a side table. "CouchSurfing Project," it reads, emblazoned with the site's red surfboard logo.

As I wait, I wonder how the bartender pegged me for a couchsurfer. Was

it my tousled hair? My flip-flops? Hooded sweat-shirt? Are these things associated with the typical surfer, or was it simply that I was just moments ago roaming the bar looking lost? As a movie — which looks to be Chinese crossed with Bollywood — plays silently to my left, I wonder who, exactly, is going to show up.

The first to arrive is Lance Trammell, 27, a jovial fellow with a wide smile. He has, he tells me as he sips on his Coke, hosted over 30 surfers in his seven months on the site. He also organizes bocce-ball games for locals. San Diego, he claims, is one of the more active surfer communities.

Not long after Tram-

mell, in comes Lilia Villa, 24, a San Diego Couch-Surfing "ambassador," which means she's one of the go-to people within the couchsurfing community. Her status has been approved by the site's administrators; she has met the proper requirements. These include a four-month-or-more membership to the site and three fellow-member "vouches." Vouches are a security measure put in place to let potential surfers know that members are (a) who they say they are and (b) that they are safe to interact with.

Villa has been a member for just over a year. She has over 100 couchsurfing friends on her profile. Many have left comments on her page,

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which boasts an overwhelming number — I lost count at 60 — of positive notes from fellow hosts and surfers alike.

Right behind her is Daniel Pike, 27, another CouchSurfing ambassador and Villa's roommate. He, too, has a long list of positive references on his profile, which also details

the couch in their home that he and Villa offer. "I have one comfy couch that can have the pillows off and one person on the pillows on the floor and one on the actual couch," he describes, in the "couch information" section. "I also have one double-size air mattress. There's plenty of room in my living room

for up to four people, but everybody will be staying in the same room."

The event soon moves to the main room of the bar, where surfers have gathered to eat and drink and chat. Hands are shaken, hugs exchanged, and laughter rings out against the backdrop of lounge music that plays lightly over an unseen sound system.

It is not unusual for couchsurfers to meet like this; Trammell is right, there are tons of activities around the country, as evidenced by the site's "Events" page. Hosts, I'm told, often bring their surfers with them to wine-tastings and baseball games and, in the case of the Bamboo Lounge, get-together "Tipsy Tuesdays."

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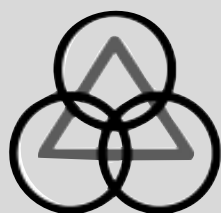
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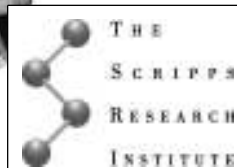
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*Sure, I think, couchsurfers could be anybody, but at least they seem like nice anybodyes.*

But I still know next to nothing about the actual practice of couchsurfing, and so, via email, I arrange to meet Villa and Pike at Rancho's in North Park for a quick bite of Mexican food. As we gather around the table, I learn that both are professionals, not the squirrely wanderers I imagined — I will admit I thought the average couchsurfing host would appear as haphazard as me. But no, both are smartly but casually dressed and well styled; I almost wish I had bothered to change my pants.

Villa works as a regional account manager at, ironically, a travel dotcom, while Pike does

business development for a women's health-care company. Both have been on the CouchSurfing site for around a year and, between them, have hosted over 100 people.

"When I heard about [the website] CouchSurfing," Pike says after the waiter takes our order, "I thought, 'This is the coolest idea!' I set up a profile with the intent to host people and had no specific plans to travel. A couple months later, I got a message from a young American-Japanese married couple who had just moved to San Diego from Japan and were looking to meet some new people in the area. So the first people I met from CouchSurfing, I wasn't surfing [with] or hosting. A month later, they moved in and were

my roommates for nine months."

During the couples' stay, Pike hosted his first couchsurfer, a chef from Cannes, France. He was, Pike reports, "an extremely nice, soft-mannered 38-year-old man" and "cooked us one of the best meals I've ever had." He is coming back to visit Pike and Villa in January.

The food arrives, and over what looks like a delicious enchilada, Villa, who learned about couchsurfing from San Diego's previous ambassador, Carissa Peck, relates the tale of her first surfer, a German man with an around-the-world ticket and a GMAT study plan.

"He was a young guy from Ulm, Germany. He was supposed to stay for three days, but we got along so well I told him

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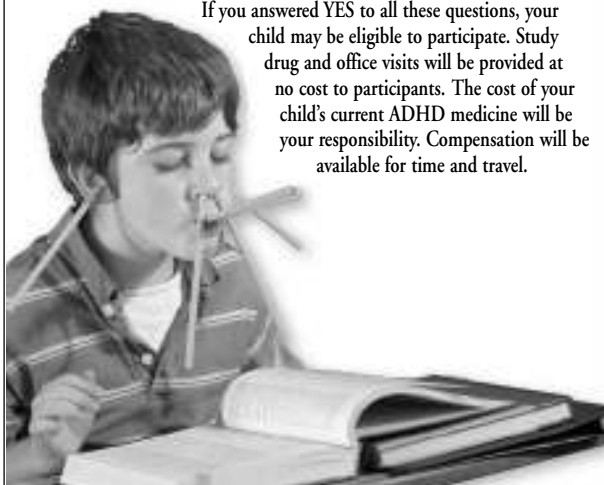
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he could stay as long as he needed to — it ended up being a week.” Villa puts down her fork. “He was following the sun, basically, with a one-year, round-the-world ticket, so he was here during our summer and then went to Australia and New Zealand during *their* summer. He came back to visit again after that and stayed with me [for] I think three months. So, needless to say, we became very good friends. I spent a lot of time with him, talking about his life back home and comparing it to mine, sharing interesting sociocultural facts, learning we had a lot in common — I learned a lot about Germany without ever going — from a primary source in my home thousands of miles away!”

Villa estimates she and Pike host one to two people a week. “I’ve had four people stay with me at once, and I’ve had ten people stay with me at once. If there’s room on the floor, couchsurfers will sleep wherever — they can rough it — and we don’t mind. The more the merrier is what Daniel and I say! Most [of the surfers] are backpackers that are used to making do with what they have, on a budget, so anything is appreciated. We do what we can to help them out, just like we would like someone to do for us if we were traveling through a new city.”

Another of those I met at the Bamboo Lounge, Lance Trammell, who recently left a job in the auto industry, meets me late one morning at the spacious Cream Cafe on Park Boulevard. Trammell recalls the first time he hosted someone from the site.

“My first couchsurfer was a Spanish girl. She was 21 years old, and I think her parents were a little nervous about what she was doing. So I went and picked her up — Daniel [Pike] came with me — and [she] had met another [woman, from the Netherlands] on the bus who was traveling on her own and had never heard of couchsurfing and was staying in hostels.”

Pike, Trammell relates, offered to host the other woman, who was in her mid-40s. She ended up enjoying herself so much that she joined the site as well. Back in her home country, Trammell says, the woman has started hosting couchsurfers herself. “I looked at her profile,” he says, “and she’s so booked with people that she’s hosting she’s got [a message up that says,] ‘Please don’t email me about hosting for another three or four months because I don’t have any room.’ We email back and forth, and she says, ‘Thank you, this has been the best experience.’”

Trammell heard about the site through Pike, who is an old friend from high school. One of his most memorable surfers was a lucky traveler who, on very little money, made it all the way across the country.

“One of my first couchsurfers — I think he was my fourth — had made it from New York to San Diego on 70 bucks,” he recalls. “He ended up getting a really cheap, eco-friendly bus,

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and he took it to Chicago. So he went couchsurfing with a guy there, and this guy turned out to be a pilot for an airline and flew him to Denver. And, I think, somewhere in Denver, the story was that he ended up with a stewardess who got him as far as L.A., and then he took a bus or Coaster down to San Diego."

Colorful characters and experiences of such kismet are not uncommon for couchsurfers, nor are outlandish destinations or plans. Eliot Clingman, who was also at the Bamboo Lounge meeting, has had his share of interesting guests. He and I convene at Cafe Basam in Banker's Hill to discuss his couchsurfing experiences. Amidst the antique oak chests and crystal dishware that

abound in the cafe's crowded interior, he tells me of his own surfers.

"One of the guys was Italian," says Clingman, who is a financial analyst, over a decaf cappuccino. "He had bought a car, and

Sometimes it was just somebody who needed to come by from L.A. for a few days. So it's really all different types."

Clingman, like most couchsurfers, is an avid traveler, though most often

## "He was going to drive from the North Pole all the way to Tierra del Fuego."

he was going to drive basically from the North Pole all the way to Tierra del Fuego. He was one of the more hard-core travelers. I also had a German couple, and they were taking off a few months from work, and they actually had a car and were more well off than typical.

he chooses conventional lodgings when he is away from home. As I sip my white chai from its huge, homey mug, he rattles off a list of the countries he's been to: England, France, Egypt, Spain, Morocco, Jordan, Syria, Turkey. He's visited at least 25 countries, he estimates, even

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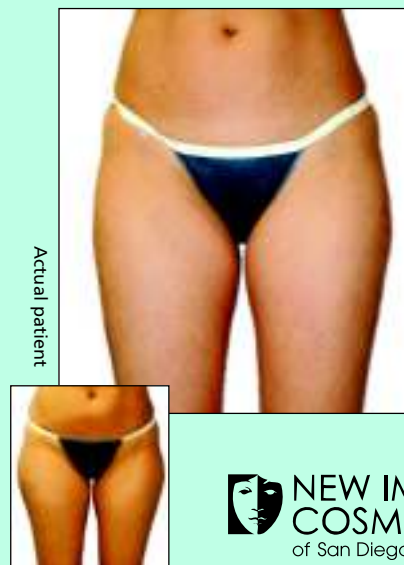
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living for a time in places such as Saudi Arabia.

"A lot of people," he says, "they think of going on vacation as sitting on the beach for ten days. And anyone who belongs to CouchSurfing, that's not their idea of vacation."

I raise my eyebrows, thinking of my own meager forays into international exploration. For someone who (a) has a studio apartment that barely accommodates one and (b) has been out of the United States only thrice, the couchsurfing concept — and experience — is hard for me to fully grasp.

While at Rancho's, I asked Villa and Pike to elaborate what they perceive the essence of couchsurfing to be.

"There are sort of three aspects, or ways one can participate in couchsurfing," Pike explained. "There's the hosting side of it, which is what initially attracted me. Then there's obviously the other end, the traveling aspect. On both sides you get a cultural exchange that money can't buy. The third aspect is the community aspect, where people in a city gather and hang out with each other and any couchsurfers that might be in town. A lot more people use CouchSurfing for traveling or hosting than for meeting people in their own town. But there are some people who dedicate more of their time to organizing events and keeping the local community going. Really, the whole thing is about one thing: meeting people from around the world who are similar only in their open-mindedness and desire to experience different types of people and cultures."

This seems to be the overall theme of couchsurfing: getting to see

something or meet someone outside of your normal sphere.

One of the first traveling surfers I speak with, a woman named Kerri Thiede, has had just that

experience. We meet at Cream, where Thiede arrives wearing a shirt bearing the word "Munichen."

On a trip to Greece, she agreed to meet a fellow couchsurfer in a small

town she'd never heard of.

"She told me about these cliffs that they had [built] monasteries on. I'd never heard of it, and I asked my Greek friend

and he'd never even heard of it. So I flew into Athens, took a train out there, stayed for two nights, and I got to see these monasteries. And they were beautiful. I went there and they

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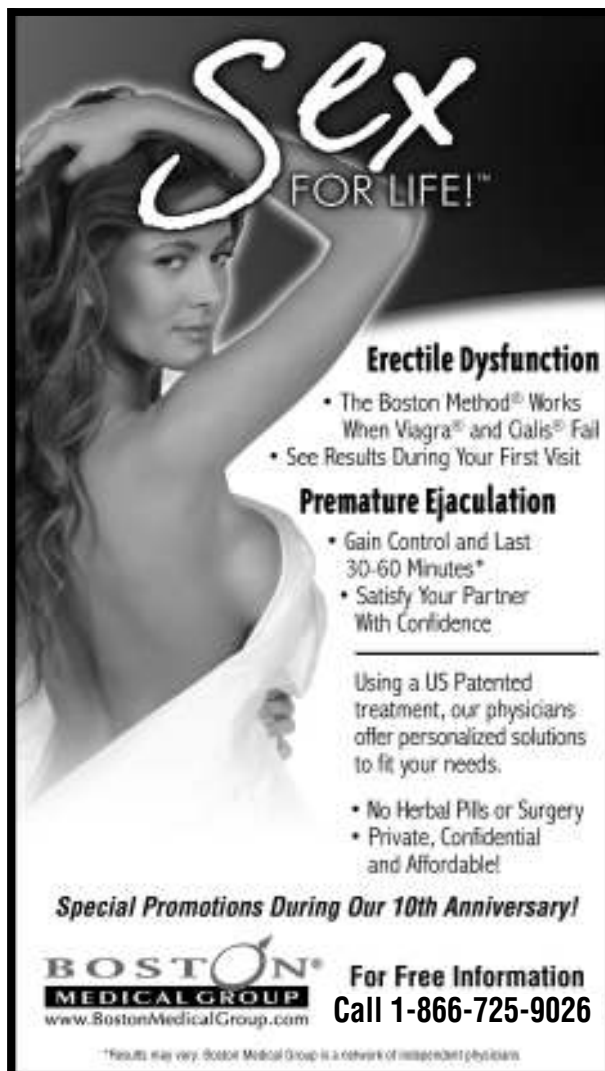
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[couchsurfing].”

A 33-year-old traveling nurse, Thiede now resides in Orange County. She has been surfing off and on in San Diego for the past few weeks and appears to be, at least in my eyes, a CouchSurfing veteran. She has been on the site since March 2006 and estimates she has surfed 50 times and hosted 50 people. Her job, which allows her to take contracts all over the United States as a neonatal nurse, is the perfect fit for her surfing lifestyle.

In addition to surfing, Thiede hosts wherever she is currently living. She is accustomed to receiving small gifts from her surfers. One stands out in her memory.

“A girl from Finland brought me Finnish vodka and camping shot glasses,

little tin shot glasses that come in a tiny little leather pouch,” she says, smiling. “And this stuff called Turkish Pepper. It’s this licorice-tasting spicy candy. She brought them to me and she said, ‘OK, what you’ve got to do is

outside, so we go camp a lot. Hence the camping shot glasses. But, since it’s so cold, we drink a lot.’ So that’s why the vodka. I had some couchsurfers over at my house so they could experience it. They all loved it.”

she is hurrying home. Now living in Los Angeles, Anna has surfed both in the United States and abroad.

“I’ve had some strange experiences,” she says. We are talking via the Internet telephone application

**“They had skirts lined up outside, because all women had to wear skirts.”**

you crunch up the peppers, put them in the vodka, and leave them overnight.’ She said it was a Finnish tradition and that ‘there are two things you need to know about Finland. One, that it’s cold, and two, that when it’s warm outside, we like to do everything we can

Though Thiede and many others have been lucky in their travels, some have had less than desirable experiences.

“Anna” asked that her real name and home country not be used. We meet at another CouchSurfing event but arrange to speak via computer, as

Skype. “I think, as a girl, you can always get creepy guys. They might hit on you or something. You have to look at people’s profiles before you contact them. Just use common sense.”

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has run into some problems while surfing, especially with males.

"I guess they come on to you, they start flirting with you," she says. "You're not supposed to do that to a couchsurfer that's a guest in your house, you know? They [say,] 'Oh, can I kiss you?' blah, blah, blah. You're not supposed to do that. And I know some other girls who couchsurf with some guy, and he said, 'Oh, you don't have to sleep on the couch, you can sleep in my bed, that's okay.' You're not supposed to sleep in their beds. They act like 'Oh, you're in my house, now you can be my wife.'"

Still, she surfs to this day because she likes it and finds that she meets more interesting people than she would other-

wise. She does, however, understand the risks and offers a piece of advice.

"I'd say it's safer to surf with a girl if you're [traveling] alone. If you're with your friends, no problem. Guys, if they

at another Bamboo Lounge meeting, also cites common sense as part of the skill set that surfers must hone.

"I've been living in Prague myself without any of my friends or fam-

**"As a girl, you can always get creepy guys."**

have a few drinks, start to come on to you. You won't be comfortable in a house with somebody who's acting like that."

Female surfers definitely face more risks than their male counterparts, but by staying smart, many manage to stay safe. Barbora, a 26-year-old Czech surfer I speak with

ily," she says. "So I don't know. I think if you are a good person, what you give you get. I've been to many places and traveled a lot, and I know that people can be mean or bad, but if you are conscious, if you know the people a little bit, if you meet many people...If I don't feel comfortable, I won't stay

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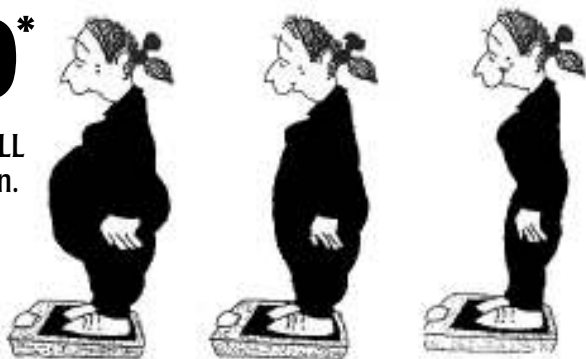
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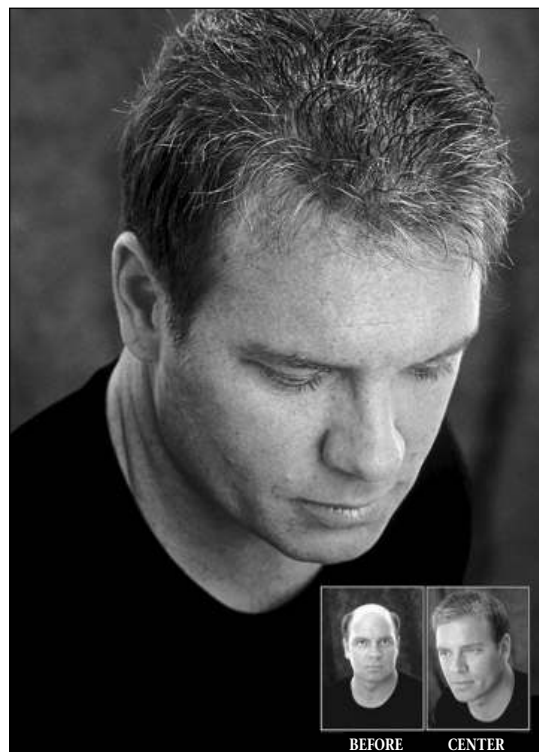
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with them. And usually I am meeting the person first, so I am staying with someone I've already met."

Bad couchsurfing experiences don't have to be dangerous or sleazy, necessarily. Eliot Clingman told me he once hosted a surfer who was couch-hopping not for traveling but for another reason entirely.

"He was clean and didn't overstay his welcome at my flat," Clingman says. "However, he ended up having emotional and financial problems that I would have preferred not to be exposed to.... He was leaving his family but didn't have financial resources and was basically homeless. The upshot is to always take note of the references and other information in the member

profile on the site." He pauses. "But there haven't been any disasters so far," he concludes.

There have been other incidents. Villa recalls a Russian man she hosted, an individual with less than ideal views on race.

"There were some cultural differences [between us]," she says tactfully. "He made some comments during his stay that were racist, and we pointed them out to him. He didn't correct them, so when it came time for him to leave... He had asked for three days, and when the three days were up, he wanted to stay longer, and I told him that I couldn't [do it] but that I could drop him off at a hostel."

After his visit concluded, Villa left a negative reference on his pro-

file, citing his poor behavior. In retaliation, the man issued a nasty reply.

"There are certain guidelines for when you write a negative reference on the site, and he wasn't very objective," Villa remembers. "Instead of saying that we had cultural differences and addressing what I had told him, he decided to write a reference insulting me. What I wrote was completely objective. Eventually, he got kicked off the site."

After the reference/counter-reference exchange, Villa reported the man to CouchSurfing's safety and security team, a group of trained volunteers who monitor communications on the site.

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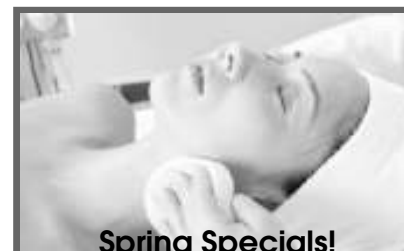


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it is surprising to me that Villa has had only the one negative experience. Pike helpfully clears this up, referring to the Couch-Surfing site's extensive referencing system.

"In terms of problems that could happen, I like to equate it to eBay: there are always going to be issues that come up, but 99.9 percent of the

time people are having great experiences. The site is set up in such a way as to weed out people who are there to abuse the system. If they're repeatedly making people uncomfortable, or obviously free-loading, they will get negative references, and they won't get hosted. That's the beautiful thing about how it works."

"And they can't delete [the negative feedback]," Villa adds. "Which is the most important thing."

Surprisingly, no people I spoke with have had any major disasters in their time as hosts. Many have their own sets of rules, which help eliminate problems before they start.

Villa lists hers. "No

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smoking cigarettes inside the house. Also, if they're going to bring someone over, they need to ask first. I don't want to get home [to find] random people I don't know. Some people give their couchsurfers keys to their house, while others simply say, 'This is the time I get home, this is the time the house will be locked.' It's whatever you want to make of it — your house, your rules, your hospitality. While surfing someone's home, I respect the house rules — I expect the same in my home."

*Keys? Really?*

At Cream, Thiede breaks it down for me.

"Everybody's different," she says. "I came down here the other night, and the first guy I stayed with, his profile said that you have to leave when he leaves. But other people, they leave you keys to their place. I think it's more that they look at your profile, and if they see that you've been doing it a long time, they maybe know that they can trust you. I've given keys to people. I've let them stay at my place when I wasn't even there."

Other than the few encounters previously mentioned, this group of San Diego hosts — and surfers — has had, overall, positive experiences.

But no matter what, Pike says, people will be skeptical.

"A lot of people think, and rightly so, that [couchsurfing] is completely crazy." He laughs. "You're letting strangers in your house and going off to bed. You don't know what they're stealing or breaking or whatever. But as I began to meet people and get comfortable with the site, that fear very quickly went away."

I wonder about this.

Driving home from meeting with Pike and Villa, I entertain the notion of couchsurfing — or hosting — myself, quickly dismissing both, my apartment being too small, my

time and funds too limited for travel. And then there is my stepmother's caution. I sigh, pulling into my driveway, then snap out of it. It's couchsurfing, I remind myself,

recalling all the stories I've been told of people traveling the world, meeting, bonding.

I wince, thinking of my parents' potential heartache.

But now I know more. ■

— Rosa Jurjevics

*Author's note: Since conducting these interviews, I have joined Couch-*

*Surfing.org in order to meet and converse with people from Latvia, my father's home country. Sometime in the near future, I hope to visit some of them there.*

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“No matter what, everybody eats donuts,” laughs Ben Aivati. Ben owns Donut Touch, a donut shop servicing the business strip on Mira Mesa Boulevard. I believe him, and it’s a testament to the attractive power of these rings of fried dough. For there is a popular bias against them, and not just because donuts are often placed in a category with fast food and soda pop. McDonald’s will be with us at the Olympics. Santa Claus drinks Coca-Cola. But only Homer Simpson eats donuts. I can’t think of another popular figure who is portrayed as a donut lover, and so we who eat them are left with a lingering sense of pop-culture shame. We are not validated by the mass media. There are no donut shops where TV’s hip gen-Xers meet, no intellectual donut enclaves. But if we can elevate that low-brow icon, the diner, à la *Seinfeld*, surely we can elevate the donut shop; it will be better than the diner, precisely because it will not be dressed up. The elevation will come from the puff-loving souls of the customers.

A possible example, cinéma vérité. Boy meets girl at donut shop. They both blush, caught in the indulgence of an uncool, uncelebrated passion in an uncool, undecorated environment. But they recover. Hey, donuts are good, darn it, and who cares what the world says? “We’re young rebels,” the girl proclaims, “and what better way to frustrate the boring and the broken-down than to claim their pastry as

our own?” “I love donuts,” cries the boy, “and what’s more, I love you!” She brushes the cinnamon from his cheek and kisses him with a mouth sticky with raspberry filling. Ben, an affable man whose face is just beginning to relax into a comfortable middle age, would surely welcome such an elevation. At Donut Touch, donuts are not junk food, they are pas-



tries, and a donut is not a donut is not a donut. “People are in the hunt for a good donut. You can’t find the damn thing anymore. We do a lot of business with people who come from all over for our donuts. People know the taste. They know donuts. These are the best. The reason is because we do it right. You know, you have to have it, for any kind of job you do. If you don’t have that touch... That’s why we call

it Donut Touch, because we have the touch for donuts.” The making of a perfect donut begins with the mix, which arrives in 50-pound bags from several suppliers. “I buy from Dawn, I buy from Westco, I buy from Lakeside. I can tell the difference between all the mixes in this country because I’ve been doing it for 25 years. I taste the donuts, I can tell. I go for the best of what each supplier has to offer. My cake

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product, I get from Westco. Raised, I get from Dawn.” For anyone who doesn’t know the difference, raised are the great big puffy ones, and cake are the smaller, denser ones.

Ben doesn’t stop there. “This base, you can mix it to your own needs; you can control it. We have the base; we add a few other things to it to make a different taste—excellent. Our donuts are very good because we have control over that. I don’t care about money. I pay to have the quality product.”

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Finally, we arrive at the donut touch, the touch of the donut maker himself. To plumb these mystic depths, I spent a night watching Jorge, one of the bakers, practice his craft.

Jorge arrives on bicycle at the shop at a quarter to one, unlocks, turns on the lights, parks his bike in the back, and begins work. He is lean and muscular, of medium height, dressed in green pants, white hightops, T-shirt, and teal ball cap, worn backwards and sporting the Donut Touch name.

The kitchen is small—everything is a few steps from everything else. I am pleased by the meeting of utility and attractiveness in the stainless steel and white and coffee-brown tile that dominates the area. A large cutting board lines one wall; a scale stands at the end. Turning to the right, I find the industrial-size mixer; turn right again, and there’s the fryer. Sliding across, I come to the glaze pit, sort of an enlarged paint tray, and a counter for

the racks. Beneath this are the trays holding the icings and toppings. The bins that hold the donut mixes are under the cutting board.

Jorge dips into one of these with a large scoop and measures out ten pounds of

buttermilk cake mix onto the triple-balance scale. He slides the mix into the mixer, measures out and takes the temperature of a pitcher of water, adds it, and starts the mixer, moving the hand of a clock mounted on the wall

next to it. The second hand sweeps around one minute. Jorge ups the speed, adds some water with a squirt bottle to correct the consistency, and sets the mixer for three minutes.

He dredges the glaze,

agitating it with quick openings and closings of the jaws of a wide scoop. Pinches up a mass of the stuff—a mix of powdered sugar, starch, honey, vanilla, and water—and drizzles it across the rack above the pit. Adds water to

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After



After dredging, there is just time to sift flour over the cutting board before the mixer stops. Jorge hauls the bowl onto the counter, scrapes the blade of the mixer to remove excess, empties the bowl onto the counter, scraping the sides, and starts kneading. Kneads, pats, folds, dusts with flour, then pounds it into a rectangle two inches thick. He seizes a massive rolling pin and rolls the dough to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch with quick, violent pushes. He then prods the edges with jabs of his fingers, shaping and thickening.

The dough is now ready for the cutter, a rolling pin with slats instead of a roller, which cuts the dough into bars. Jorge cuts, re-kneads the excess, and cuts again, placing the bars on a rack. Using a long, short-bristled brush, he removes most of the flour from the bars and submerges the rack in the fryer. He is careful to make sure that the bars do not go down with the rack but remain floating

on the surface, puffing and frying to a tawny gold.

Ben has warned me that many shops are not so careful. "You see that screen with a handle? A lot of bakeries, they close it on top of the donuts. What that does is it pushes the donuts down, forces a lot of shortening into the product. And then they have a greasy product that they put out, and people are afraid of eating donuts. But it's not bad, if you do it right."

Two minutes pass, and Jorge flips the bars with two sticks, placing one on either side and twisting. He does this quickly, expertly, so there is no uneven cooking among them. After five minutes, the donuts are ready to be removed. He raises the rack from the bottom of the fryer, scooping the donuts up, and bangs the rack on a sloped metal tray to remove any excess oil. Down go the bars onto the glaze rack, up comes the scoop, down drops the glaze, and up goes the rack,

tilted on an angle and held up by a stick. The glaze starts out thick and opaque but soon runs off, leaving the familiar sweet sheen on the bars. Seen from beneath, the rack is hung with icicles of sugar, thawing in the kitchen warmth, the dripping eaves of the gingerbread cottage.

While the bars were frying, Jorge was prepping the old-fashioned. Though they differ much in appearance, and slightly in make-up, old-fashioned and cake donuts are prepared in much the same way, the only notable difference being the temperature they are cooked at. Temperature is crucial to good donut making, throughout the process. The dough must be kept between 80 and 85 degrees, says Ben. "Yesterday, I told [my baker], I said, 'Jorge, these donuts, they're not good enough. These are excellent donuts, but they're not outstanding.'" He shows me a leftover. "See? It's too tight inside. It's supposed to

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be lighter, more hollow, more air space. The reason is, he told me, he says, 'Ben, last night was too cold.' We take the temperature once a week, but all of a sudden, we had a drastic change."

Cooking temperatures are also important, and Jorge fiddles with the gauge often, but the basic rule is, 330 for buttermilk, 355 for old-fashioned, and 370 for cake. The batter for the latter two is poured into what I will call a dropper, a bowl suspended above the fryer on a movable arm. When Jorge turns a crank on the side of the bowl's holder, an arm that reaches over the bowl moves two rods, *click CLACK*. One rod drops, the other follows slowly. They meet at the bottom and rise together. These rods move parts in a piece fitted onto the bottom of the bowl, parts that extrude a small ring of batter, then pull it back while simultaneously folding another ring around it. At the end of the handle crank, the ring is cut off and drops into the oil. I could watch for hours.

Ben assures me that the height of the drop must be just so, otherwise, the donut will have either too much or too little flight time. The donut expands as it drops. Too much time, and the hole is too big; too little, and there is no hole at all. The level of the shortening must be carefully monitored. The case for the donut touch improves.

The donuts rest for a moment at the bottom of the fryer, then bob to the surface. Jorge cranks out 30 at a time. By the time they finish cooking, they've puffed up to cover the entire surface of the oil. Jorge repeats the flipping routine, then takes a moment to prepare the icings and toppings. He pulls out the trays of chocolate, vanilla, and orange icing and the containers of peanuts, coconut, and sprinkles, both rainbow and chocolate. The icing is cold and stiff. He wets it and *shooshes* it about in the tray with an ice cream scoop, releasing a maddening chocolate smell.

There are two schools of thought on the matter of

toppings, and depending on your allegiance, the man who eats unadorned glazed and cake donuts is either a fool or a purist. The first school views the donut as a kind of matter, the basic stuff upon which the toppings, the true

object of desire, are placed. Granted, the quality of the matter will influence the overall experience, just as a marble statue is usually deemed more wonderful than a plaster one. Better matter, better end product.

But you don't look at a statue to see the marble, you look to see the shape the artist has imposed upon it. So you don't eat a donut for the donut; you eat it for the icing, the sprinkles, the peanuts, coconut, cinnamon sugar,

creme and jelly fillings...

The second school wants cake. Toppings are merely heralds for the real matter at hand: the wondrous fried dough, which varies shop to shop, promising divine adventures in texture to those will-

ing to pursue its more subtle pleasures. Not so sweet as, say, icing, or as intense as cherry filling, but rich and moving. I like to think of members of this school — which includes me — as the donut elite, privy to an under-

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standing denied those who devote themselves to the more immediate pleasures of rainbow sprinkles. We appreciate toppings the way we appreciate the occasional quirky interpretation of a masterpiece by a virtuoso. It is a pleasant addition but does not obscure the greatness of the work.

Returning to Jorge, I find him making three batches of old-fashioned and as many of cake. I can't be sure just how many, since to my eyes there are thousands, all of them calling to me, promising unspeakable joy.

As he goes, he glazes one batch of old-fashioned and ices another two, pushing the hot donuts into the tray of icing. Not all donut shops do this, as Ben explains. "Other places, they ice them with warm icing. There's a burner, and they put the icing in these small containers, and they set each one on top of one of these burners, which is constantly on. So that keeps

the icing warm. You can use cold donuts and ice them, because the icing is warm. The reason they do this is that they don't want to waste any icing. They say, 'Hey, I've got all these donuts with chocolate icing on them, and then I have to throw them away [at the end of the day]. I'd rather throw them away plain. Because sugar is expensive, and chocolate is expensive.'

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The difficulty becomes apparent as Jorge removes the donuts. He pulls up, straight and slow, the icing pulling back, unwilling to loose its hold. When it finally lets go, the donut leaves a crater with raised edges. Slowly, the crater rises and the

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edges sink, and the icing awaits its next visitor.

The cake donuts are gorgeous. There is no oily gloss, just an exquisite brown crust, laced with cracks revealing the soft yellow interior. These are the colors of appetite, and I am getting dizzy with desire. After icing some, Jorge dips them into the trays of toppings. The sprinkles, with their bright pinks, showy reds, and candy greens, seem out of place here. The white of the vanilla is neutral enough to be okay, but you can't beat the warm tones of yellow, tan, brown, and that shade that is best called chocolate that shows up in a peanut-chocolate iced cake donut. When Jorge notices my greedy gaze and offers me one, I gratefully accept.

For those of you fortunate enough to have eaten a just-made donut before, what follows will be familiar. The crust makes itself felt only in the biting, then melts away, opening into a warm, sweet

lightness. The interior is weightless, barely there until the tongue mashes it into the mush it becomes just before swallowing. The peanuts hang suspended in the lightness, surprising bits of crunch amidst the melting. The chocolate comes in around the edges, more a mood than a sensation, and I am once more reminded of the magic of taste, that food can touch my tongue and somehow transfer a complex and powerful quality to my soul. And there is a soul involved. Pleasure cannot be a mere matter of parts touching parts; there is something more, something spiritual. There must be; otherwise, I could not be transported thus. My whole consciousness is shifted to my tongue; I am aware of nothing else. My eyes instinctively close, so as not to distract me. The sounds of the kitchen no doubt continue, but I do not hear them now.

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in time to watch Jorge prepare a rack of chocolate donuts, and I get a look at the bag the mix comes in. The bag features a picture of a chef's head and hand, winking and giving the okay sign, smiling approvingly at the buyer. The brown paper is lettered in red, and I read: "Westco Choc-o-Donut Blend, For Superlative Devil's Food Cake Donuts, Prepared for America's Finest Bakers."

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lecithin and artificial flavor. The bag finishes with a reminder: "Tested and approved recipes by and for America's Finest Bakers." I am aglow.

It is pleasant to watch Jorge because it is pleasant to watch proficiency in any field, and because he is making food. Back and forth he goes, adding shortening in great white dollops to the fryer, keeping the icing moist and

supple, fiddling with the temperature, adding water and mix to the mixer as it chugs away. Now washing, now dipping, now cooling, now mixing, and now beginning the crullers.

Crullers require very hot water in the mixing, 120 degrees. The mix is sensitive, and many shops do not carry these miniature snow tires. But Ben prides himself on his staff's proficiency. Jorge puts a new fitting on the dropper and begins working the batter through. It flowers out, spreading its ridges like petals, then closes as the machine draws it back and folds it over. Finally it drops and sits in the oil, spinning merrily as it fries. Jorge turns them several more times than normal donuts, and they puff high, like a stiff meringue. Even in the crank-

ing, Jorge hesitates for a moment before dropping them, letting them hang in the air to bloom before frying.

The crullers fried, glazed, iced, and topped, he may now turn his attention to the bowl of raised dough, which has been rising for some 30 minutes. He drops the bowl on its side, and the contest is underway. The yeast-quickened dough quivers, spilling out, a reluctantly mobile blob that seeks to spread over the whole board. Wielding a square steel chopper, Jorge lops off a chunk about the size of a loaf of bread. He begins to knead, pinching and punching and folding, and the dough squeaks in protest. The blob of dough holds the sheer face of the cut for a moment, shocked, then begins rounding it out.

Jorge is sure of hand; he

adds to what he chops only once. He makes eight loaves, push push PUSH, then takes a loaf and pounds it flat with the heel of his hand, his palm, his fingers. He rolls it, shapes it, and flips it at the edge like a nurse spreading a bedsheet. The dough is cut with a round cutter or a bar cutter, then left in the proofer for 45 minutes to rise. Jorge cuts with a quick twist of the wrist, steadily, until all eight loaves are gone. The first rack is ready by this point, and the rituals of frying and icing are repeated, day in, day out, providing pastry pleasure to the public.

Leaving aside questions of taste and fairness, it may be said that the classic raised donut is the simple chocolate iced. Lest there be any argument on this point, I leave you with this true story

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of self-recovery.

Ridden with guilt over his failings, shame because of his fears, sorrow because of his anxieties, and melancholy because of his melancholy, Ed pulled into the parking lot in front of Rose Donuts. Here, in the gentle puffery of airy fried sugardough; here, in the goodness of the chocolate icing, he would find refuge. Here there were no abstracted lusts, here no isolation and loneliness, here no doubts, no wonderings, no faith required, just the happy fact, the happy certainty, of the donut, of sweet satisfaction. All desires for the donut were licit and fulfillable, all fears could be eased — the donut could be eaten. It was here, with him, reassuring him that he was loved — how could there not be love where there were donuts? Surely the donut had been made, with love, for him and him alone, because the Donut Maker had heard his cry, had felt

his need, and had prepared it just for him. Oh, he was loved, indeed. Donuts were signs of love; donuts were love.

“One chocolate iced, please.” He was nearly breathless. A fine sweat broke out on his forehead, and his underarms and the small of his back were damp. He could see it now — the donut, his donut.

“Just one?” The question gripped his stomach with a cold claw, talons of icy desire ripping through him. He had only 60 cents...

“Yes, just one.” There would be time, time to find a cash machine, later. Now, he had to have that donut. Oh, sweet convulsive anticipation; the round ring of inner peace was lifted, bagged, handed over...

“Thank you.” It was gone in 20 seconds because he made himself eat it slowly.

**EPILOGUE:** Somewhere out there, someone is wondering,

“I read all this and didn’t find out how they fill the filled donuts? Son of a...” As I left at around five in the morning, I interrupted Jorge, who had been all but silent throughout the night, and asked him that very question. The donuts to be filled are first fried, then brought over to a white box with a cone-shaped container of filling on top, two stainless steel tubes protruding from the side. The donuts are slid onto the tubes, a button is pushed, and the filling is injected. Satisfied?

**UPDATE:** Some 13 years after this article first ran, Ben Aivati continues to own and operate Donut Touch, which currently has a four-star (out of five) rating on Yelp. Their most popular donuts are glazed, apple fritters, and old-fashioned. ■

— Matthew Lickona

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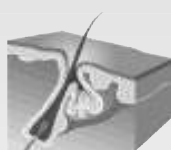
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## LETTERS

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### Many Missed Points

D.S. writes back (Letters, April 30) and begins his response to me with the stupid and pointless assumption that I “spent many sleepless nights to write to the *Reader*.” No, D.S., it doesn’t take that long to construct a well-researched and concise criticism of your insipid blather.

He writes off my accurate, irrefragable accounts of actual events involving the Border Patrol, in which the methods he suggests in his original letter were employed, as “outdated information,” even though I meticulously placed them in their historical contexts. As if historical facts become outdated! I didn’t say Pancho Villa attacked New Mexico yesterday! D.S. then backpedals from his original argument by saying he won’t cite examples of drug-war

violence, but it’s happening “very close to the United States.” From the sound of his first letter, I thought the cartels were firebombing New York City.

He may have gotten me on the reason military enlistment numbers are up. I should’ve mentioned the economy before bonuses, but that’s a red herring — and it’s so small, he’d better catch and release. What militarization of the border comes down to is something he mentions: political will. Unfortunately, he thinks the only political will that matters is that of a small sector of U.S. citizens and not the global community. He compares the failure of the low-intensity-conflict militarization of the border in past decades with the failure of the Vietnam War by blaming it on lack of force. Does he forget the vehement unpopularity of that war in the U.S. and the overwhelming support the Vietcong were afforded over there? He

then calls for a Desert Storm approach to seal our border. Yeah, *chavalitos*, “that” Desert Storm — the most lopsided victory in modern warfare. Like we’re Kuwait, and a bunch of Saddams are attacking us to clean our toilets and pick our oranges. *Buena suerte*, D.S., on getting unilateral support from the U.N. on that one!

D.S. goes on to let us know he’s a high roller. He’s happy to pay five bucks a pound for produce. Well, good for you, *pelotero*! But most Americans can’t. But that’s not the point, anyway. Once again, he fails to demonstrate the insight to read into the larger framework of this conversation: the produce thing is just the first domino! The entire economic infrastructure of this hemisphere was built upon and continues to exist because of a dependency on cheap labor — from the plantations and missions to now, and if there were no undocumented workers, the system would utterly founder! That’s the similarity between you and me, D.S. We are willing to en-

slave people to support this system that makes lesser-class citizens of our fellow humans because you and I have no choice! Neither of us seems to like it. Perhaps that’s another similarity. Our difference lies in our notions of freedom. I believe everyone who is honest, righteous, and willing to work deserves to be free of want no matter what cosmic fortune has determined where he or she happened to be born on this planet.

You, by your willingness to turn this blessed nation into a militaristic police state, have acquiesced your freedom without even realizing it.

Finally, let’s all cut the B.S. and quit acting like anyone knows the exact percentage of U.S.-origin weapons in Mexico. D.S. goes on a diatribe about the Department of Homeland Security (which he seems to vilify like the swine flu) whose number is 90 and derived from tangible, verifiable information. (Although, as the *Reader* points out, it is based on a sample — but not such a random one.) Then he equates a different DHS report on possible future sources of domestic extremism with a call for putting veterans on “radical watch lists.” The slopes of this guy’s arguments are so slippery, I bet there’s a Piso Mojado sign in front of them.

The Fox News report putting the number of weapons at 17 percent has more holes and doublethink in it; I bet D.S. sent it to them...hmm, Don Shan-ity, perhaps? Anyhow, like all conflicting calculations by parties with different vested interests, the glorious goblet of truth lies somewhere in between. And given the sources of both figures, as well as the fact that there are as many as 6000 commercial gun stores on the U.S. side of the border (3 per square mile) and 0 in Mexico, I’ll bet my bottom peso the actual number’s a bit closer to that of DHS.

All of this misses the point once again: given the fact that, since the Cold War, we have been steadily exporting far larger amounts of weaponry each year to the rest of the world, including dictators as vile as Pinochet and Somoza, and are now far ahead of any other nation as the world’s chief arms exporter — we, as citizens of the country with far more beneficial and virtuous talents and contributions to offer history, should, at the very least, be ashamed.

Bryan Varela  
via email

### Raising The Wrong Bill

I enjoyed “Church on Sunday?” (Cover Story, April 9) by Matthew Lickona and found it to be interesting. I must say, though, that there is some misinformation, perhaps just a name mixed up with another name. In the paragraph “By Whose Authority Do I Speak for God?” there is reference to a Pastor Bill Britton in Springfield, Missouri, who raised a man, whom Britton refers to as his father, from the dead the night before in a service.

I would like to clear the record on this. Pastor Bill Britton from Springfield, Missouri, is my dad, and we never had anyone raised from the dead in our church, most specifically Britton’s father, as he has been dead for many years. There was no reference of date when this trip to Missouri was taken. I would be interested in the author’s sources. Britton died in 1985 in Riverside, California. Perhaps this is simply a wrong name inserted into the story. There are a few other Bill Brittons (none in Springfield, Missouri), and my dad was often confused with Bill Bright, one of the founders of Campus Crusade for Christ. If this story of the man raised from the dead was metaphorically speaking, it was not clarified as such.

For the sake of my dad’s memory and ministry, I

would prefer that he is not credited to the story in your recent cover article. Please follow up with a correction.

Becky Britton Volz  
via email

*Matthew Lickona responds: My source for this story was Father Jon Braun, who visited Pastor Bill Britton in Springfield, Missouri, in the early ’70s. I contacted Father Braun with regard to your concern, and he replied: “The story is exactly as printed. The most I would grant is that it is possible that he said, ‘He died last night and was raised from the dead.’ I can perhaps understand Ms. Volz’s concern, but I am not mistaken.”*

### Comments from Reader Website

*Comments are not edited for spelling, punctuation, or grammar.*

### Cover

#### Published April 29

*Posted by JeffreySeminoff on May 4, 9:58 a.m.*

Hi All,

This is Jeffrey Seminoff, the ecologist that was quoted in the sea turtle article. Unfortunately, the author of this story botched the information that I provided. Yes the sea turtles key in on the eelgrass in San Diego Bay, but they also ABSOLUTELY key in on the warm water effluent of the South Bay Power Plant. This is particularly true during winter months, when the surrounding waters are much colder than the effluent.

### Crasher

#### Published April 29

*Posted by Pants on April 30, 9:11 a.m.*

It’s “croquaraoke”, not “crokaake”! Come to think of it, though, you may have been right about shortening the name, “croquaraoke” looks rather awkward in print. Either way, not to use this comment board as a shameless plug or anything, but if you ever want the ‘oke without the cro’, feel free to come by the Ruby Room on a Tuesday night. Any shouts of “you suck!” you

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hear there will be meant in the ironic "we love you and want to affirm your validity as a human being" sense, I promise. Besides, nobody wants to hear good karaoke, that's what American Idol is for.

### City Lights, by Ernie Grimm

Published April 29

Posted by patriot04 on April 30, 7:20 a.m.

Ernie,  
Nicely written article, the five references to razor wire notwithstanding. Shame it is needed but you see there is a difference between a good neighbor and a friendly

neighbor Ernie.

A good neighbor respects the property line. You really don't need a fence with them. Metaphorically speaking, they don't let their kids play on your grass or their dogs soil your lawn or garden. They are always good for a cup of sugar if you run out. They watch after each other and make sure no one harms the others property. They smile when you drive down the street and wave. They're a good neighbor. No fence needed or wanted.

Canada is a good neighbor.

The friendly neighbor smiles and waves as you go

down the street too however as you look past them you'll see their kids destroying YOUR yard. Their dog is digging up your garden and if they need something that you have, well they just take it. After all, you have it, they want it, problem solved. You VERY DEFINITELY have to have a fence with that neighbor and if that friendly guy is also moonlighting as a drug or people smuggler, well, sad as it is, you're probably going to consider the dreaded razor wire.

Mexico is a friendly neighbor. Great food, beautiful resorts and largely a

warm inviting culture. Deadly hangover after all the fun.

Wonder why we have razor wire and 20 foot fences? Peek over the other side. Were it not for that fence, it would be in YOUR neighborhood and in many cases with unfettered illegal immigration and an unprotected East County, it already is.

Posted by SpliffAdamz on April 30, 9:10 a.m.

Are you serious!? Amerikkans respect the laws of the lands they travel to? If they do, then why are there a bunch of drunk amerikkans in TJ fighting other

amerikkans in the streets, in the clubs and pissing on the streets?? I'm not saying that's all they travel down there for, but a lot of that has been going on for decades. So to say amerikkans respect other countries they travel to, is hard to believe. Try checking out TJ on Friday or Saturday night and see how amerikkans really act in TJ!!! Clean up amerikkka first before you talk about what Mexico needs to do, because it ain't peaches and cream in the good ole U\$A!!!

Posted by JulieParrots on May 2, 2:02 p.m.

It is gonna be a loonnnng

while before Mexico will step up to the plate and fix the border issue. Also, Mexican officials aren't the only people who are corrupt as we see everyday that American officials themselves are corrupt.

Posted by SurfPuppy619 on May 2, 3:05 p.m.

"It is gonna be a loonnnng while before Mexico will step up to the plate and fix the border issue."

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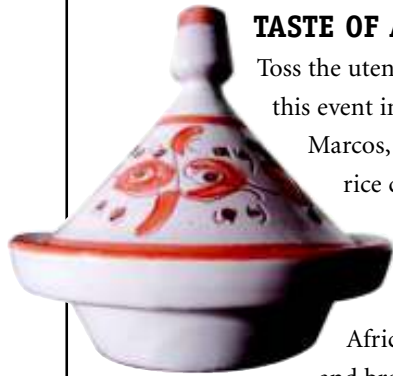
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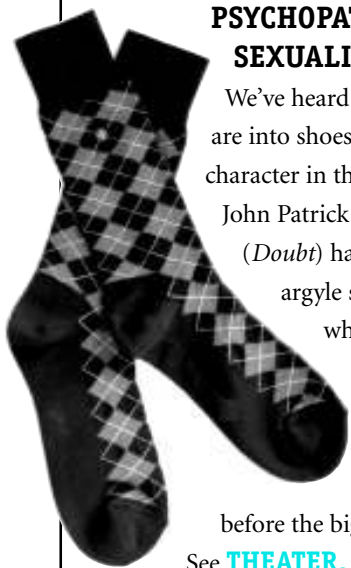


#### TASTE OF AFRICA

Toss the utensils — at this event in San Marcos, meat and rice can be eaten by hand. Enjoy African music and browse jewelry made by Ugandan women. See [SPECIAL](#), page 64.

#### PSYCHOPATHIA SEXUALIS

We've heard of guys who are into shoes, but the main character in this comedy by John Patrick Shanley (*Doubt*) has a fetish for argyle socks. See what happens when a certain pair goes missing, right before the big wedding day. See [THEATER](#), page 104.



### Friday | 8

#### WHAT IS HORARY ASTROLOGY?

The stars have aligned. San Diego Astrological Society president Jim Hennum will divulge the secrets of the sky using this "ancient and still very useful technique," which many professional stargazers speak of only in "hushed whispers." See [LECTURES](#), page 62.

### Saturday | 9

#### ¿QUIÉN ES MÁS MACHO?

See who has the *cojones* to make it to the end of this 100-mile race series. Better yet, hop on your bike or quad and hit the motocross track yourself. See [SOUTH OF THE BORDER](#), page 64.

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### Sunday | 10

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#### THE LITTLE DOG LAUGHED

Douglas Carter Beane's "biting contemporary comedy" explores the price of celebrity in Hollywood, a town in which the famous are locked in glass closets and a "compromising photo can make or break your career." See [THEATER](#), page 104.

### Monday | 11

#### NOT BECOMING MY MOTHER

Author and *Gourmet* magazine editor-in-chief Ruth Reichl will discuss her latest memoir, *Not Becoming My Mother and Other Things She Taught Me Along the Way*, which explores a fear that many women have. See [IN PERSON](#), page 61.



### Tuesday | 12

#### TOTS AND TALES

You bring the tots, and the San Diego Humane Society will provide the "tails." Each month features a different animal (kitten, rabbit, guinea pig, or puppy) in an interactive story. Kids can then meet the animals themselves. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 60.

### Wednesday | 13

#### CAN'T CATCH ME!

Fast as you can, you'll never catch the Gingerbread Man. That is, unless you make it to a showing of his adventures, presented by the Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre. Even then you can look, but do not lick. See [FOR KIDS](#), page 60.



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**"Myths and Magic"** City Ballet performs *The Ramona Myth; Apollo*, with choreography by George Balanchine and score by Stravinsky; and *The Seasons* during these season-closing recitals. 858-272-8663. Friday, May 8, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 10, 2 p.m.; \$29-\$62. Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN)

**"Twilight Desires"** Colette Harding Contemporary Dance Company presents contemporary dance work exploring "evening thoughts and desires for love." Donations encouraged. 619-516-2854. Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.; free. Stage 7 School of Dance, 3980 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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**Hustle Dance Party** Hustle workshop for intermediate/advanced dancers (\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers). Hustle dance party follows 8 p.m.-midnight (\$5 members, \$7 nonmembers), with beginner lesson 8-8:30 p.m. (included in admission). 760-803-9982. Saturday, May 9, 7 p.m.; \$5-\$7. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

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**University Dance Company** SDSU's School of Music and Dance presents works choreographed by faculty members Joe

Alter, Patricia Sandback, Melissa Nunn, and Leslie Seiters performed by students in BFA in dance program. 619-594-1017. Friday, May 8, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m.; \$8-\$12. Ages 10 and up. Don Powell Theatre at SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**West Coast Swing Jammin' Dance Party** DJ plays West Coast swing, country-and-western two-steps, and requests for singles and couples of all ages. Nightclub two-step lesson: 8 p.m.; open dancing: 8:30-10:30 p.m. First time free. 619-275-3533. Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m.; free. Pattie Wells' Dancetime Center, 1255 West Morena Boulevard. (BAY PARK)

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**Black Mold Exposure** Documentary follows filmmaker Michael Roland Williams and his girlfriend, Karen Noseff, "in their struggle to regain their livelihood and well-being after unknown exposure to high levels of various molds that infested Karen's apartment in Dallas." 214-764-9220 x323. Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.; \$8-\$10. La Jolla Village, 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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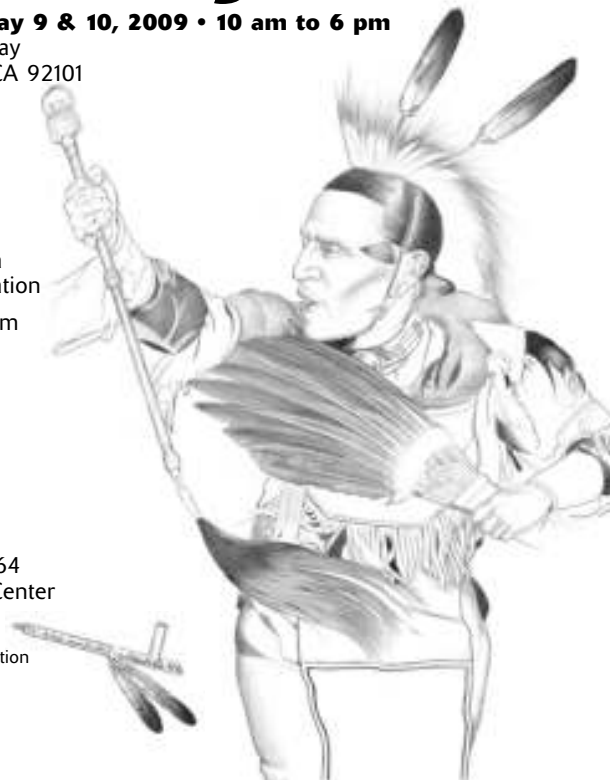
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## ROAM--RAMA | A Guide to Unexpected San Diego and Beyond | by Jerry Schad

While most of the Anza-Borrego Desert swelters, the temperature hovers as much as 10° Fahrenheit cooler at the “high desert” locale of Culp Valley, 3400 feet above sea level. Culp Valley is the only designated camping area in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park where the late spring heat is bearable, even pleasant, at times other than midday.

Great masses of granitic bedrock seem to erupt from the sloping, sandy floor of the valley, forming stark structures composed of tilted slabs and rounded boulders. At times, the wind blows capriciously, whistling through apertures in the rock piles. Nearby, out of sight from the valley and sheltered from the wind, water trickles from a hillside spring and nourishes a mini-oasis of green grass and tall shrubs. It's this kind of contrast that makes hiking around here especially rewarding.

Culp Valley is located between mile markers 9.0 and 9.5 on Montezuma Highway (County S-22), about three miles east of

Ranchita and nine miles west of Borrego Springs. A small sign indicates the turnoff for the campground — easily missed if you are traveling fast. The campground itself is a no-frills venue: merely nooks and crannies where you can park your car overnight (and for free) amid the rocks and scrub vegetation.

The small hike described here starts back near the campground's entrance, where a spur road forks west, signed “Pena Spring.” On foot, follow that road uphill to a crest. Then continue walking on a signed footpath leading downhill and north toward Pena Spring. After 0.3 mile of steady descent down a sandy ravine, you reach remnants of scrub oak and sugarbush shrubs (they were burned in the Pines Fire of 2002).

Look for an obscure path or paths striking left, up a slope, and through shrubby vegetation. This marginal route leads 50 yards to the hard-to-locate main Pena Spring, where crystal-clear water gushes from a raised pipe. The spring is a regional oasis for local wildlife and doubles as a verdant resting spot for appreciative humans.

After visiting Pena Spring, reverse your steps 0.2 mile to the intersection of the California Riding and Hiking Trail, marked by a small sign. Go east, uphill at first, then more or less level along a broad ridge dotted with chaparral shrubs, juniper, and a smattering of yucca and cholla cactus. Watch out for the latter, as its exceedingly prickly branches sometimes encroach upon the trail.

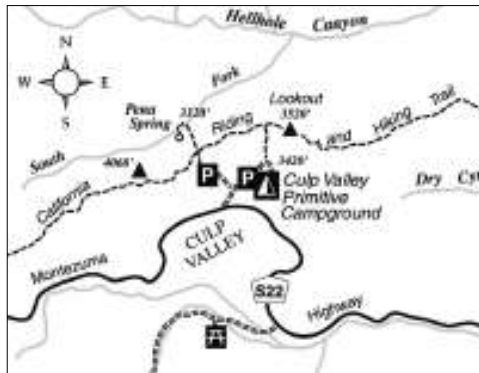
After 0.5 mile on the ridge, you'll come to the intersection of a trail going down to the campground, 0.3 mile south. Only a stone's throw north of this point are some large boulder outcrops offering an airy view of the Hellhole Canyon gorge to the north, the shimmering Borrego Valley in the northeast, and the long crest of the Santa Rosa Mountains on the far horizon. Just east from this vantage point, other fascinating boulder structures and a marked “lookout” point beckon. But if you've had enough already, simply descend south into the Culp Valley Campground and return to your car.

This article contains information about a publicly owned recreation or wilderness area. Trails and pathways are not necessar-

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ily marked. Conditions can change rapidly. Hikers should be properly equipped and have safety and navigational

skills. The *Reader* and Jerry Schad assume no responsibility for any adverse experience.

benefit. Suggested donation: \$10. 619-282-0437. Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.; Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**The Last Word** Geoff Haley's “darkly comic romance” starring Winona Ryder and Wes Bentley screens for Film Forum series. 619-236-5800. Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**The White Silk Dress** Heritage Language Program Film Festival continues with Luu Huynh's 2006 film, in which a poor family in Vietnam sacrifices everything so the daughters have dresses needed to attend school. In Vietnamese

with English subtitles. Screening takes place in Muir College Applied Physics and Mathematics Building in room 4301; parking available in lots P-207 and P-208. 858-534-0693. Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**The Wrestler** Screening of film starring Mickey Rourke, Marisa Tomei, and Evan Rachel Wood. Purchase requested. 619-299-9360. Sunday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. Café Libertalia, 3834 Fifth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Vitus** International Film Series closes with Fredi M. Murer's 2006 film. Catch film in room 204; film repeats at 7 p.m. on Oceanside campus. In German with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, May 8, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Film Night at Lee** Comedy, drama, and animation from *The Short List* TV series featured during program hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society. Tickets include

popcorn, beverage. 619-460-4353. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; \$5. Ages 13 and up. H. Lee House Cultural Center, 3205 Olive. (LEMON GROVE)

**More Vitus** International Film Series closes with Fredi M. Murer's 2006 film in Little Theatre (room 3601). In German with English subtitles. 760-757-2121 x7737 or x7806. Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**UCSD Taiwan Film Festival** Series featuring recent films from Taiwan concludes with screenings in Pepper Canyon Hall room 106. Evening's documentary is the un-subtitled *Nail* by Huang Ting-fu (5 p.m.).

Director Tom Shu-Yu Lin will visit from Taiwan to present his 2008 film *Winds of September* (7:30 p.m.). Following screening, UCSD modern Chinese literature professor Yingjin Zhang and James Wicks moderate question-and-answer session. 858-405-1461. Thursday, May 7, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Friday, May 8, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

### FOOD & DRINK

**“Beer U: History of Brewing in San Diego”** Get to know the history — and the beers — of S.D. County's breweries. “Schmooze with several legendary local brewers, sample eight awesome beers, and feed on snacks while feeding your brain.” Expect discussion, guided tasting. Reservations: 760-471-4999. Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.; \$20. Ages 21 and up. Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, 1999 Citracado Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

### FOR KIDS

**“I Love NCM”** First anniversary celebrations include “Xtreme Fun Dance Party,” performances by Monarch School Steel Drum Band, San Diego Youth Symphony, Oak Park Percussion Group, Paul Green School of Rock Music Band. Also, hands-on art projects, giveaways, tours. 619-233-8792. Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.; free. The New Chil-

dren's Museum, 200 West Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Seal-a-Bration”** La Jolla Friends of the Seals plan event celebrating this season's 46 seal pup births (4 more than last year). Activities include face painting, viewing of creation of papier-mâché seal sculpture by local artist, learning about harbor seals and rookery, souvenir seal coloring books to take home. 619-687-3588. Sunday, May 10, 9 a.m.; free. Children's Pool, 850 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Fireflies: The Story of the Artists of Terezin** \*Company tackles production featuring original children's opera *Brundibar*, described as “an inspiring story of hope and art, with a universal, current message for tolerance, antidiscrimination, and understanding.” *Fireflies* is by playwright, children's author Charmaine Spencer; music of *Brundibar* is by Hans Krása with libretto by Adolf Hoffmeister; English adaptation by Tony Kushner. 858-362-1348. Saturday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 10, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; \$13-\$17. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**American Girls Mother's Day Tea Party** Tea party promises refreshments, Mother's Day crafts and activities featuring Julie, the

new American Girl. Attendees invited to dress up and bring favorite doll or stuffed animal. Required advance registration: 760-435-5590. Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.; free. Ages 7 and up. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

**Beach Fun Day** Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis plan “fun day for children with special needs.” Take in static displays, games on beach, harbor cruise, entertainment. 760-757-5322. Friday, May 8, 9:30 a.m.; Oceanside Harbor, 1540 Harbor Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Can't Catch Me!** Millie Patterson's Weaver's Tales take stage to present *Adventures of the Gingerbread Man* around the world. Curtain rises at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 619-544-9203. Wednesday, May 13; \$3-\$5. Ages 4 and up. Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theatre, 2130 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

**Celebrate Children's Book Week** Author Gretchen Schomer-Wendel reads from *Becca* and *The Big Bubble* series. Books available for purchase, signing. 760-435-5590. Wednesday, May 13, 6 p.m.; free. Oceanside Library, 330 North Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Meet a Newbery Honor Author** Children's writer Gail Carson Levine (*Ella Enchanted*) visits shop to sign her newest, *Ever*. 858-454-0347. Monday, May 11, 5 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Much Ado About Moms** Celebrate Mother's Day with themed craft project and learn about Kate Sessions (a.k.a. the Mother of Balboa Park) and other exceptional women in our city's past during "Drop-In Second Sunday" family day activities. Included in regular admission. 619-232-6203. Sunday, May 10, 1 p.m.; free. Museum of San Diego History, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Off to See the Wizard!** Follow Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road when San Diego Junior Theatre brings *The Wizard of Oz* to the stage. Performance on Saturday, May 9, is ASL interpreted. Reservations: 619-239-8355. Fridays, 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 10, \$8-\$13. Ages 6 and up. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1650 El Prado, Suite 208. (BALBOA PARK)

**Pop-Up Potentates!** "Pop-up book masters" Robert Sabuda (*Peter Pan*) and Matthew Reinhart (*The Jungle Book*) sign and discuss their latest books. 858-454-0347. Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Tots and Tales** Interactive story time for preschoolers with crafts and animals. Reservations: 619-243-3432. Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.; \$3. San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, 5500 Gaines Street. (LINDA VISTA)

## IN PERSON

**"Mission Possible: A Concert to Remember"** Evening of music with Craig and Jill Anderson, Allison Adams Tucker, Mike Hubbard. Concert benefits church's missionaries in China "who are in desperate need of a car." Donations accepted. Tickets: \$10 per person, or \$20 per family. 760-402-8144. Friday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.; \$10-\$20. Coastline Community Church, 2215 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

**"Oh Say, Can We Sing!"** RB Chorale presents 35th anniversary

show, with "hits from yesterday" such as "Bridge Over Troubled Water," Johnny Mercer's "Dream," a tribute to the Armed Forces, John Denver medley, more. Also planned: performances by finalists from this year's scholarship program. Tickets: 858-485-7664. Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.; \$5-\$20. Poway Center for the Performing Arts, 15498 Espola Road. (POWAY)

**Songs from Enchanted Borders** The 16th annual Border Voices Poetry Fair promises readings by featured poets Jericho Brown, Rae Armantrout, Trish Dugger, and Suzanne Lummis. These poets discuss creative writing and poetry (3:30-4:10 p.m.); do book signings (4:10-4:45 p.m.). Also on tap: entertainment by Risa the Poetry Clown, music by Celtic Ensemble with Claudia Poquoc. 619-293-2546. Saturday, May 9, 9:15 a.m.; free. Balboa Park Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Spring into Spring"** Windjammers Community Concert Band performs "toe-tapping numbers guaranteed to get you out of the winter blahs" in MiraCosta's Studio A, building 2200. 760-795-6815. Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.; \$8-\$10. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**"The Songs of Tin Pan Alley"** Concert in honor of MiraCosta's 75th anniversary promises celebration of music of the 1930s. MiraCosta's Chamber Chorale, Masterworks Chorale, Frequency Vocal Jazz Ensemble, MiraCosta Jazz Ensemble perform selections by composers including George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern. 760-795-6815. Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.; \$10-\$15. MiraCosta College Theatre, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**"The Women: Songs of, by, and for Women"** Singer/pianist Ann Chase plans tribute to mothers and all women, with songs from Tin Pan Alley to Joni Mitchell. 760-815-8996. Saturday, May 9, 3 p.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Not Becoming My Mother** Ruth Reichl, *Gourmet* magazine's editor in chief, discusses her latest memoir. Among her previous

(wonderful) books: *Tender at the Bone* and *Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise*. Registration for Revelle Forum event: 858-882-8000. Monday, May 11, 7 p.m.; \$25. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Small Space Living** Interior designer, author, syndicated columnist Christine Brun signs her new book. RSVP: 800-873-5673 x208. Thursday, May 7, 6 p.m.; \$5. San Diego, 1047 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Stories from Candyland** Famous Hollywood wife and mother Candy Spelling discusses, signs her new book. 858-454-0347. Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Voices: Mapping the Hood** Dance theater production directed by Eveoke choreographer Ericka Aisha Moore boasts additional choreography by Yvonne Hernandez and transcDANCE dancers for Art @ the Core: Building Community. Piece combines dance with film, poetry (live spoken word by Kendrick Dial), community videography, oral history, and visual art. Sunday matinees are interactive, designed for youth, families. 619-238-1153. Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.; through Sunday, May 31, \$15-\$20. Tenth Avenue Theatre, 930 Tenth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Choral Concert in the Park** Kiwanis Club of San Diego and SDSU School of Music and Dance present annual concert, with 100 student voices from SDSU Aztec Concert Choir performing Americana, a military medley, folk, spiritual, show tunes. 619-222-1924. Sunday, May



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## Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

10, 5 p.m.; free. Ages 5 and up. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**Like to Read, Write, or Talk About Crime Fiction?** Sisters in Crime members read from their works-in-progress. 760-585-5383. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; free. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

**Meet a Gold Medalist** Track athlete Monique Henderson, who won Olympic gold medals in 2004 and 2008, speaks about her experiences. 619-463-3006. Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 p.m.; free. Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

**Squeaky-Clean Comedy!** Family-friendly shows for all ages. 858-433-1457. Saturdays, 7 p.m.; \$5. Naveed's Comedy Club at Bella Roma Pizza and Restaurant, 6830 La Jolla Boulevard #103. (LA JOLLA)

**Tha True Skool Show** With jellyradio.com. Hip-hop/rap. Wednesdays, 8 p.m.; ages 21 and up. Fannie's Nightclub, 9143 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY)

**The Gelato Poetry Series** Joseph Voth reads his poetry followed by open mike. 760-434-1240. Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.; free. Korky's Ice Cream and Coffee, 2375 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

**USD Choral Concerts** University of San Diego Concert Choir and Choral Scholars present programs of American patriotic selections as well as a series of American Negro spirituals. In addition, Choral Scholars perform literature presented during their concert tour of France. 619-260-4171. Friday, May 8, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 10, 2 p.m.; \$5-\$10. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Witty and Whimsical** Elinor Lipman discusses, signs *The Family Man*. She's the author of eight previous novels. 858-454-0347. Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## LECTURES

**"A Camera in Your Garden"** Lynlee Austell, Barbara Smith, Kathy Hargrove offer tips and techniques on capturing garden memories when Point Loma Garden Club meets. 619-564-7036. Wednesday, May 13, 10 a.m.; free. Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal. (POINT LOMA)

**"Art of the Renaissance"** Art historian James Grebl continues lecture series surveying art of Western world with presentations on Renaissance. This week, learn of Florence, described as "the birthplace of the Renaissance." Study key works of early Renaissance masters such as Masaccio,

## OUT & ABOUT

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Ghiberti, Donatello, Brunelleschi. Series fee: \$48 for members, \$68 for nonmembers. Reservations: 858-454-5872. Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.; \$12-\$17. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**"Benefits of Internships"** Grossmont College Career Center hosts workshop focusing on applying soft skills, including interpersonal communication skills, in internships and volunteer opportunities. Reservations: 619-644-7614. Wednesday, May 13, 11 a.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

**"Bye-Bye Grass! Part One"** Gardening expert Nan Sterman divulges "extermination options" for removing lawn, ways to physically remove grass. Part two offered Sunday, May 17 (included in this

fee). Required reservations: 619-660-0614 x10. Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.; \$45-\$50. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Concepts of God"** "How is transcendent mystery and wonder experienced? God? Allah? The Earth Mother? Dance? Music? Poetry?" Reverend Jim Grant moderates interfaith panel discussion. Donation: \$10. 619-298-9978. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

**"From Garden to Table"** "Delicious Tips from the Experts" on offer when San Diego Horticultural Society meets. Speakers Karen England, Karan Cooper, Ramiro Lobo, Mia Yamada McCarville, and Tom del Hotal will each speak on their topics, which include low-chill blueberries, herbs, heirloom tomatoes, Asian vegetables, rare fruit. Plant forum follows. 760-295-7089. Monday, May 11, 6 p.m.; free. Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**"Google for Genealogists"** Professional genealogist, author Gena Philibert Ortega addresses Computer Genealogy Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society. Nonmembers welcome. 760-967-8635 or 858-755-1934. Tuesday, May 12, 10 a.m.; free. Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**"Greenovation Forum: The Water We Eat"** Forum returns, examining "complex water issues both locally and globally." Experts

in academia, industry, government, nonprofit community focus on role of water in production of food. 858-822-2521. Tuesday, May 12, 4 p.m.; free. UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Growing Plumerias from Seed"** Jeff Hopper demonstrates growing plumeria from seed when Southern California Plumeria Society gathers. 619-461-5942. Sunday, May 10, 1 p.m.; free. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**"Gulf of California's Deep-Sea Secrets"** Scripps marine biologists Brad Erisman and Octavio Aburto-Oropeza explore diversity of marine life in the Gulf of California from mangroves to deep-sea reefs for Perspectives on Ocean Science Lecture Series. RSVP: 858-534-5771. Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.; \$5-\$8. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**"Real Health-Care Reform in California"** Andrew McGuire, executive director of Health Care for All California, focuses on "California OneCare: The Grassroots Campaign" for the Matters of Controversy lecture series. Donations requested. 858-459-4650. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; free. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLCREST)

**"Résumé-Writing Tips"** Career counselors Simona Cherlin and Janet McAfee focus on tailoring résumés, analyzing job ads, avoiding red flags that "turn off the reader." Bring your résumé for "personalized answers to your questions." 858-271-8918. Friday, May 8, 2 p.m.; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**"Synthesis"** Mikhail Alexseev, Latha Varadarajan, Adam Branch, Lei Guang, Jonathan Graubart speak for Hansen/Hostler Distinguished Lecture Series. Talks examining key international issues facing President Obama take place in Hardy Tower room 140. 619-594-6244. Thursday, May 7, 2 p.m.; free. San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"The Miranda Warning, Language, and Justice"** Lecture by Jeff Kaplan, practicing attorney and SDSU professor of linguistics. How does language construction of the Miranda warning lead suspects "to ignore the warning,

which may ultimately result in a miscarriage of justice"? 858-268-3674. Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; free. Congregation Dor Hadash, 4858 Ronson Court. (KEARNY MESA)

**"Tree of Life"** Art quilt workshop led by Jane LaFazio; learn to create a unique small art quilt of your own design. During first class, design a "tree of life" from imagination or based on inspiring images. Learn about fabrics and materials to use in your quilt. Second class (May 16) includes embellishment techniques, embroidery, finishing styles. Fee includes both Saturdays. Registration: 619-297-4110. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; \$200. The Shepherdess, 2802 Juan Street #18. (OLD TOWN)

**"Uplifting Wisdom"** Local author Vivian Eisencher discusses her book, *Recovering Me, Discovering Joy: Uplifting Wisdom for Everyday Greatness*, when National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI San Diego) Education and Advocacy gathers. Eisencher shares personal experiences with social anxiety, depression, alcoholism. Also planned: informal discussion with psychiatrist, senior UCSD resident Dr. Steve Koh. 800-523-5933. Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.; free. University Christian Church, 3900 Cleveland Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**"Voice and Accountability"** Harvard University professor Rohini Pande focuses on "Experimental Evidence From Indian Elections" in Eleanor Roosevelt College administration building room 115. Though over 700 million Indian voters have option to exercise their franchise, only 58 percent voted in 2004 national elections. "Can information alter these trends and increase the political voice of disadvantaged groups and the electoral accountability of politicians?" RSVP: 858-822-5297. Monday, May 11, 4:30 p.m.; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**"Water Wise and Easy-Care Plants for Your Garden"** Concerned about using too much water in your garden? Nan Sterman discusses 30 (or more) plants described as water wise and easy to care for in the garden. 619-255-0203. Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.; \$25-\$33. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Birk on Birk** Artist Sandow Birk explores contemporary social issues using styles often appropriated from iconic art-historical works. Artist will speak about his work, currently on exhibit at museum. 858-454-3541 x121. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; free. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, 1100 and 1001 Kettner Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Breast Cancer 3-Day Season Is Here!** "Get Started Meeting" planned, with information and inspiration. Ready to lace up your shoes to "walk 60 miles in three days in the fight against breast cancer"? Learn about training, fundraising. The 2009 San Diego Breast Cancer 3-Day is November 20-22. 888-805-8911 or 800-996-3329. Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.;

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free. El Cajon Library, 201 East Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

**Drought-Tolerant Plants** Salvias and lavender are two of the “30 Great Drought-Tolerant Plants for Your Garden.” Find out about the other 28 during talk by landscape designer Doug Kalal. 619-200-7066. Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m.; free. Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library, 925 West Washington Street. (MISSION HILLS)

**Extra! Extra!** Michael Provence, director of Middle East Studies program at UCSD, divulges “What We Need to Know About Events in the Mideast That We Don’t Read in the Newspapers.” Provence — who has lived and studied in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey — is author of *The Great Syrian Revolt*. Talk is preceded by a “carry-in” dinner at 5 p.m.; bring a dish to share. 619-464-1519. Sunday, May 10, 5 p.m.; free. United Church of Christ of La Mesa, 5940 Kelton Avenue. (LA MESA)

**Magee Park Poetry Workshop** Lenny Lianne leads class. Registration required: 760-602-2400 x8149. Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.; free. Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Master Architects Lecture Series** Series celebrating achievements of Louis Kahn concludes with talk by Thom Mayne, focusing on his work and how Kahn’s legacy has influenced his practice. Mayne founded Morphosis as an interdisciplinary, collective practice involved in experimental design and research in 1972. Reservations: 858-453-4100 x1882 or 858-454-3541 x121. Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.; \$25-\$30. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, 700 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Must Life on Earth Be Lethal?** Paleontologist, author Peter Ward discusses his new book *The Medea Hypothesis*, in conjunction with the “Year of Darwin” and One Book, One San Diego program. Ward argues that “all but one of the mass extinctions that have struck Earth were caused by life itself.” Required reservations: 619-236-5821. Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Needle Felt Birds** Create “adorable, lifelike birds” from needles, felt. Materials included in cost. 619-222-2510. Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.; \$38. Paper Tales, 3960 West Point Loma Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

**Nuno Felting Workshop** Jean Degenfelder and Sarah Winston lead workshop on innovative process of Nuno felting. Learn basics of blending wool fibers onto a sheer silk scarf to create a wearable work of art. Materials provided. Required advance reservations: 760-735-3355. Saturday, May 9, 1 p.m.; \$50-\$60. Ages 10 and up. Mingei International Museum — North County, 155 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Oceans and History** Marine biologist Lin Craft heads “down through ice in Antarctica to explore the fascinating life on the

ocean floor, including seals, killer whales, and spectacular ice caves” when LIFE “lifelong learning group” meets in room 1068 (1 p.m.). Sharalee Jorgensen focuses on first 50 years of MiraCosta’s 75-year history (2:30 p.m.). 760-721-8124. Friday, May 8, 1 p.m.; free. MiraCosta College, One Barnard Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

**Opera Previews North!** Musicologist Ron Shaheen offers look at Puccini’s *Madama Butterfly*. Tickets distributed at 9:15 a.m., lecture at 10 a.m. 760-434-2904. Saturday, May 9, 9:15 a.m.; free. Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**What Is Horary Astrology?** Find out when Jim Hennum, president of San Diego Astrological Society, shares “his Sagittarian wisdom coupled with Pisces ascending perception to tackle a branch of astrology that many professionals talk about in hushed whispers.” Learn some basics, get a feel for this “ancient and still very useful technique.” 619-307-1636. Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.; \$6-\$12. Joyce Beers Community Center, 4065 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

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around Matt Curreri and the Exfriends highlights selection of visual artists, musicians, poets from all over the county. This week: the Exfriends and “Obstacle Delusion,” an exhibit of “prodigious abstractions” by San Diego painter Floyd Elmore. 760-230-2680 or 817-235-2404. Saturday, May 9, 7 p.m.; free. Andrews Gallery, 1002 North Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Sam Hinton Folk Heritage Festival** Day full of folk performances and workshops. Hear Robin Henkel, Tanya Tose & the Buffalo Chip Kickers, Trails & Rails, Bluegrass Ramblers, more. Also find all-day storytelling of “traditional tales of cowboys, clever women, mysteries, and more” by featured performers. Open story swap at 4 p.m. 858-484-1325. Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.; free. Old Poway Park, 14134 Midland Road. (POWAY)

## OUTDOORS

**San Diego’s Coastal Wildflower Bloom** — a middle-of-the-road display due to slightly-less-than-normal winter rainfall — is not entirely over. Meticulous searches on slopes facing north (away from the sun) or in shady canyon bottoms (where runoff may have lingered) should reveal native red monkey flower, blue-eyed grass, wild hyacinth, and nonnatives such

as chrysanthemum and mustard. Irrigated freeway embankments, with showy African daisies, blooming ice-plant, and other forms of groomed landscaping, look muted but decent this spring season.

**Chamise and Buckwheat**, two of the most common native flowering plants in San Diego County’s sage-scrub and chaparral plant communities, are in flower this month through June. Chamise, also known as greasewood, readily sprouts from root crowns after fire. Since the extensive wildfires of 2003 and 2007, much of the foothill and mountain regions of the county are again being smothered by this upstart, dominant type of drought-resistant vegetation. The stems of both chamise and buckwheat are tipped by clusters of small white or cream-colored flowers, fading to russet-brown by July. Near the coast look for flat-top buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here it shares space with other low-growing sage-scrub plants like as black sage and California sagebrush.

**Wild Lilac** (ceanothus) is currently blooming mostly at elevations higher than 4000 feet in San Diego County. Blossom colors range from pure white to various shades of blue or lavender. Some fine examples may be seen along the upper Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area atop Mount Laguna.

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# Calendar

## LOCAL EVENTS

**The Full Moon Rises** from the darkening east horizon on May 8 at around 7:40 p.m. — some 10 minutes after the time of sunset. Some colorful folk names for the May full moon include “hare moon,” “merry moon,” “planting moon,” and “moon when the ponies shed.”

**Mother's Day, Naturally** Treat Mom to a nature walk promising “beautiful wildflowers and their perfume.” 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 a.m.; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**“Wild, Wild West at Daley Ranch”** Naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads a hike approximately 3.5 miles long over Creek Crossing, East Ridge, Diamond Back, Sage, Middle Pond, and Ranch House Road trails. Learn history of cattle ranching and wildlife on ranch. 760-839-4680. Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Asian Pacific Historic District Tours** Led on second Saturday of each month, starting at Chinese Historical Museum. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m.; \$2. Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Discover Magnificent Beauty!** Nature walks led by trained naturalist. “Marvel at the reawakening vegetation throughout the Reserve

and be enchanted by fabulous flowers along the trails.” 760-436-3944. Saturdays, 10 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF)

**Experience a Grunion Run** Grunion run program hosted by Birch Aquarium-Museum (which doesn't take place at museum). Presentation on grunion, followed by “opportunity to witness grunion eggs hatch before your eyes.” Required reservations: 858-534-7336. Saturday, May 9, 9 p.m.; \$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**International Migratory Bird Day** Celebrate “Birds in Culture,” with focus on roles birds play in native cultures along Pacific Flyway. Guided bird walk (9 a.m.), guided nature walk (11 a.m.), birds in culture crafts (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). Kumeyaay wildcat singer Stan Rodriguez regales with native songs and stories (10 a.m.). 619-575-3613. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**Meet the Salt Marsh Wetland** Tend California native plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough in this salt marsh wetland. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. Famosa Slough, West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Mothers in Nature** Learn about female roles in flora and fauna, as well as Kumeyaay and Mission history, as you follow river to historic dam during nature walk. 619-668-3281. Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.;

## OUT & ABOUT

**NOT BECOMING MY MOTHER**  
Ruth Reichl,  
Neurosciences  
Institute, Monday,  
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free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground entry station, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Mystery Walk** Naturalist Kathleen Flanagan leads fast-paced, strenuous walk of about seven miles based on makeup of the group. Expect “a lot of map reading.” Bring a minimum of two liters of water, layer your clothing. 760-839-4680. Friday, May 8, 7:30 a.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Nature Walk** Trained naturalist leads walk. 760-436-3944. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve - Rios Avenue trailhead, North Rios Avenue at Solana Point Circle. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Palm Walk** Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees. 619-235-1122. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**San Diego Field Ornithologists** Expert birders lead bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek. Bring binoculars, drinking water. 858-581-9944. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. Tecolote Nature Center, 5180 Tecolote Road. (CLAIREMONT)

**Sunset Stroll** Naturalist Liz Goetz leads moderately easy hike around Middle Pond and back by Dixon Lake to listen to avian choirs and watch changing colors of early-evening sky. 760-839-4680. Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Surfrider Beach Cleanup** Wear comfortable clothes, closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, and bring work or gardening gloves if you have

them. 91X will be on hand to hand out freebies. Join group in grassy area next to the Powerhouse. 858-792-9940. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; Powerhouse Community Center, 1658 Coast Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Walk in the Park** Join naturalist Dan Cannon on moderately paced 3.5-mile walk through southeast section of ranch; learn about flora and fauna of residents, reserve's recent and ancient history, and a bit about geology. 760-839-4680. Sunday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.; free. Daley Ranch, 3024 La Honda Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER

**“Refugio y el Automovil” and “Un Lugar Tranquilo”** Artists Ivan Camarena and Abel Garza showcase their new art at Institute of Culture of Baja California. 619-227-8554. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; free. ICBC, Avenida Centenario #10151, Zona Río. (BAJA)

**“¿Quién es Más Macho?”** Round three of the 100-Mile Race Series hosted by Too Much Fun Promotions continues with motocross grand prix. Two-hour races open to all ages and classes, from peewees to big bikes, beginners to professionals, dirt bikes, quads at new track (located a couple of minutes north of downtown Rosarito Beach). Course uses traditional motocross track, plus an additional six-plus-mile trail course. 619-819-6323. Saturday, May 9, 8 a.m.; \$10. Ford Motocross Track, Rosarito-Ensenada Toll Road, k24. (BAJA)

**Art Exhibition** Trish Stone and Aldo Guerra exhibit their work

during one-night show. This is first in series of two-person shows featuring local, established artists from both sides of border. 619-838-7666. Saturday, May 9, 7 p.m.; free. Lui Velazquez, Calle José María Larroque #273, Colonia Federal. (BAJA)

## SPECIAL

**“A Celebration of Women”** Celebrate your mom or any woman during event promising lunch, fashion show, event photograph, “as well as two other gifts.” Reservations: 619-670-3643. Saturday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.; free. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1306 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**“AIA San Diego's Annual Design Awards Gala”** Now in its 49th year, American Institute of Architects design awards program was created to highlight outstanding architecture, to elevate standards of good design; and to inspire, educate, influence architectural community. See latest projects selected and Young Architect of the Year award winner. Reception: 6:30 p.m.; awards: 8 p.m. Tickets: 619-232-0109. Saturday, May 9, 6:30 p.m.; \$15-\$50. Neurosciences Institute, 10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**“Art at the Creekwalk”** Enjoy a walk along creek, meet local artists displaying and selling their art. Hands-on art projects for kids as well as children's art on display. Also on offer: Vista public art walking tour maps, highlighting downtown murals and “Kites Over Vista” displays. Find event behind Wave Water Park. 760-305-7549. Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.; free. The Wave Waterpark, 101 Wave Drive. (VISTA)

**“Framed with Hope”** Opening reception for photography exhibition. First organization to benefit from “Framed with Hope” project was International Humanity Foundation's orphanage in Jakarta, Indonesia, which received 14 digital cameras and 12 computer laptops. Orphans who received digital cameras “took many extraordinary photos and shared beautiful stories about their lives.” Closes Saturday, May 30. 619-233-7963. Friday, May 8, 6 p.m. Women's History

Museum, 2323 Broadway, Suite 107. (GOLDEN HILL)

**“Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death”** Reading, discussion series explores themes of love and forgiveness through classic and contemporary literature. This week, examine Leo Tolstoy's *Death of Ivan Illych*. UCSD comparative literature professor Steven Cassedy leads discussion. Next up: *The Dead* by James Joyce, June 8. 619-236-5816. Monday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.; free. San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street. (DOWNTOWN)

**“Photo San Diego”** Grossmont College Photo Club hosts event with buying, swapping, selling of used and new photo equipment in Digital Arts Building (near parking lot #1). Also planned: demonstrations of new equipment, “try before you buy” opportunities, portfolio reviews of student work, displays, presentations, more. 619-644-7277. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive. (EL CAJON)

**“The Bicycle Portrait Project”** Chris Wimpey's photographs of cyclists and bicycle culture showcased during this one-night show. 619-819-8569. Saturday, May 9, 6 p.m.; free. Velo Cult, 2220 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**8000 Pounds of Crawfish!** Eighth annual Gator by the Bay Festival showcases Louisiana music, food, dance. Performances by nine Cajun and zydeco bands, ten blues/swing/country bands, and 20 community acts on multiple stages; cooking demonstrations with samples, music workshops, dance lessons, Mardi Gras-style parades, kids' activities, artisan vendors. 858-492-8748 or 619-234-8612. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m. Spanish Landing Park, 4077 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN)

**All-Ford Picnic** Automobiles displayed by clubs including the Model A Restorers Club, Early Ford V-8 Club, San Diego Woodie Club, Horseless Carriage Club, others. Enjoy food, fun, Fords. Music by the Pine Creek Posse Band. 619-669-1977. Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.; free. Simpson's Nursery, 13925 Campo Road. (JAMUL)

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dia. This month's focus is on children's art; two muralists will offer tutoring "enhanced by a puppet show." Also planned: children's drawing contest. 760-500-7583. Sunday, May 10, 11 a.m.; free. Magee Park, 258 Beech Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

**Belly Dance Drum Workshop** Talia and Frank Lazzaro teach drum solo dance techniques, combinations, and improvisation to a new drum solo. Registration: 509-475-0683. Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.; \$35-\$40. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Boulevard, Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

**Calling All Chocolate Lovers!** Chocolate Festival promises dozens of chocolate tastings, cooking demonstrations, chocolate fountain, entertainment, food, plant sales, more. "Tasting tickets" sell for as little as \$1 apiece (dependent on individual vendor). Seeds of Wonder Garden activities for children (additional fee). 760-436-3036 x206. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; free. Quail Botanical Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**Carmel Valley Artists Show and Sale** Wares including blown glass, various forms of jewelry, wood crafts, ceramics are available in this sale. Classical guitarist Mark Alan Langford performs. Rain or shine. 760-945-6922. Saturday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.; free. Karl Strauss Brewing Company, 9675 Scranton Road. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Conrad Prebys Music Center Grand Opening** Visit the new \$53 million music center during open house promising demonstrations and free concerts. Day includes recitals by Cecil Lytle (12 noon), János Négyesi (2 p.m.), Cecil Lytle (4 p.m.). "Explore the excellent architecture and state-of-the-art facilities." 858-534-4830. Saturday, May 9, noon; free. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD, Russell Lane at Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Dance Salon** Debate and discuss Compañía Nacional de Danza's performance of *Without Words*, *Duende*, and *Gnawa* with S.D. dance professors, critics, choreographers, and ArtPower! artistic director Martin Wollesen. 858-534-TIXS. Thursday, May 7, 2 p.m.; free. The Loft, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Eco Blast 2009** This "goodwill raiser" promises entertainment by Dragon Knight Stilt Walkers, 45-foot obstacle courses for children of all ages, guided nature walks, talk by writer Nan Sterman from her "Bye, Bye Grass" series, signings by other local authors, crafts for kids, vendors. 760-942-1111. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; free. Encinitas Country Day School, 3616 Manchester Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

**Fealofani Samoa Festival** Tifaolemoana of Palomar College presents the Fealofani Samoa Festival with high school dance competition. Four schools will compete in Samoan games and dance. 562-912-5124. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. Oceanside Pier Plaza Amphitheatre, 200 North the Strand. (OCEANSIDE)

**Fight Hunger and Find Beauty** During the "Empty Bowls Lunch," guests select individually hand-crafted pottery bowls donated by local potters, which are then filled with soup and bread from "some of the best restaurants in town." You keep the bowl, your donation goes to Third Avenue Charitable Organization (TACO), a group dedicated to feeding homeless. Requested donation: \$20. 619-235-9445. Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. United Methodist Church, 6063 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**House of Italy** Enjoy lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, cultural costumes. 619-234-0739. Sunday, May 10, 2 p.m.; free. House of Pacific Relations, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Julian Wildflower Show** Julian Woman's Club has presented show for over 90 years. Club members gather more than 100 varieties of regional wildflowers from private properties in the Julian area. Wildflowers are identified and displayed. 760-765-1857. Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 8, 10 a.m.; Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m.; free. Julian Town Hall, 2129 Main Street. (JULIAN)

**Middle-Eastern Drum and Belly-Dance Class** Doumbek drumming class for all levels taught by Frank Lazzaro (6-7 p.m.), followed by tribal belly-dance class taught by Sabrina Fox with live drumming (7-8 p.m.). \$12 per class. 760-703-1487. Mondays, 6 p.m.; \$12. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mother's Day Weekend Artist Studio and Garden Tour** San Dieguito Art Guild's annual self-guided tour boasts eight homes, gardens, art studios in Encinitas coastal area. Purchase tickets beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Off Track Gallery. Tickets are good for both days. 760-942-3636. Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, 8:30 a.m.; \$20. Off Track Gallery, 500 Second Street. (ENCINITAS)

**Ranked? Unranked?** You are invited to play chess. Organizers say "kibitz at your own risk." 858-568-1641. Saturdays, 1 p.m.; free. La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Ranunculus Rainbows** The Flower Fields with nearly 50 acres of giant ranunculus flowers are blooming again, open for tours. Visitors may stroll pathways or take wagon ride (\$5 general). Sweet pea maze, poinsettia display, American flag of flowers. Season passes available. 760-431-0352. Thursdays, 9 a.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.; through Sunday, May 10, free. The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

**San Diego American Indian Cultural Days** Dancing, drumming, bird singing, powwow activities, storytelling, and more. Grand Entry at noon. Over 40 juried artisan booths offering wares. Children's crafts. American Indian food for sale. 619-281-5964. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. and 10 a.m.; free. Balboa Park, Park Boulevard at Presidents Way. (BALBOA PARK)

**Sitathon for World Peace** Representatives from Christianity, (Japanese and Tibetan) Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, and new-age faiths gather to participate in all-day meditation retreat. In support of peace, participants pledge to meditate in a number of sessions, up to 12 sessions (12 hours). Each session promises a different meditation/prayer tradition practiced throughout world. Pledges requested. 619-808-9847. Saturday, May 9, 7 a.m.; free. Ideal Hotel, 540 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN)

**Space Day** Hands-on demonstrations, activities, talks by local and national space experts. Look through a telescope, drive a Mars Rover, launch a bottle rocket, more. Space galleries open for viewing throughout event. In-

cluded in museum admission. 619-234-8291. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; free. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

**Taste of Africa** Enjoy night of authentic African cuisine, music, crafts, and "taste of life in rural Africa." Learn about SCHAP, its cause and plans to assist a struggling Kenyan village this summer. 858-774-2162. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; \$25. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Taxes** Are they high, low, or just right? Make your voice heard when P&R Discussion Group meets. 619-370-1027. Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.; free. Filter, 4096 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

**That's Fair!** Celebrate World Fair Trade Day by shopping open-air market with fair-trade chocolate, coffee, teas, organic vegetables and fruits, handmade crafts from around globe. Activities for kids, live music. 858-274-0587. Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.; free. Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, 4761 Cass Street. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Where Do We Go From Here?** Chula Vista's Northwest Civic Association monthly town hall meeting focuses on Proposition A. Chula Vista City Manager Jim Sandoval presents talk, answer questions; Leilani Hines focuses on city's 2010-2015 Redevelopment Implementation Plan; and Sherry Ryan from Alta Planning and Design talks about Chula Vista Pedestrian Master Plan. Public comments welcome. 619-307-3460. Monday, May 11, 6 p.m.; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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## LOCAL EVENTS

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**Full-Moon Paddle on Mission Bay** Gain introduction to kayaking and enjoy scenic nighttime tour of one of San Diego's most beautiful playgrounds. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. San Diego Natural History Museum, 1788 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Gentle Yoga** Four-week introduction to yoga for all sizes, ages, and health-challenged. Daytime class good for seniors and "inactive bodies." Must be able to get on hands and knees for nighttime class. Bring small pillow, blanket/yoga mat. Donations appreciated. 619-464-4331. Thursday, May 7, 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; free. San Carlos United Methodist Church, 6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard. (SAN CARLOS)

**Liver Life Walk** Participants select 5k walk/run or 1.5k walk through San Diego Zoo. Registration at 6 a.m., walk at 7:30 a.m. Pledges requested. 619-291-5483.

Saturday, May 9, 6 a.m. War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mother's Day on the Bay Kayaking** Outing hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum. Introductory paddling lesson followed by scenic paddle under Coronado Bridge to Coronado Ferry Landing for no-host brunch to celebrate Mom's special day. Fees include equipment, instruction. Reservations: 619-255-0203. Sunday, May 10, 9 a.m.; \$20-\$65. Ages 6 and up. Glorietta Bay Park, 1715 Strand Way. (CORONADO)

**Padres vs. Diamondbacks** San Diego Padres host the Arizona Diamondbacks. Games broadcast on radio station XPRS (1090 AM),

XEMO (860 AM) in Spanish. Tickets: 619-795-5000, 877-374-2784. Thursday, May 7, 12:35 p.m.; \$7-\$57. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (DOWNTOWN)

**Ranch and Coast Horse Show** 858-481-9085. Thursday, May 7, 8 a.m.; Friday, May 8, 8 a.m.; Saturday, May 9, 8 a.m.; Sunday, May 10, 8 a.m.; free. Del Mar Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real. (DEL MAR)

**Sneaker Challenge 5k and 1-Mile Race** Race along flat, fast course through tree-lined Liberty Station starts at Cushing Road and Dewey Road. Proceeds support physical education funding for San Diego charter schools. 858-336-2905. Saturday, May 9, 7:30 a.m.; free. NTC Promenade, 2640 Historic Decatur Road. (POINT LOMA)

**Sunday in the Park with Mom** Knickerbikers commemorate Mother's Day with 26-mile jaunt for picnic in Santee Lakes Park. Bicycling starts in parking lot just west of Target. Bring lunch or buy one at deli near park. 858-279-9863. Sunday, May 10, 9 a.m.; free. Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**To the Lighthouse** Join San Diego Bicycle Touring Society riders for jaunt from J Street boat launch parking lot (I-5 to J Street). Bicyclists will take Coronado ferry (bring money for fare) on this flat 47-miler and visit Point Loma lighthouse. 619-647-3212. Satur-

day, May 9, 8:45 a.m. J Street Marina Park, 550 Marina Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

**Walk for Hope to Cure Breast Cancer** Take a scenic walk through USD campus. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., followed by 3k and 5k walks stepping off at 8:30 a.m. Pledges. 800-888-5323. Saturday, May 9, 7:15 a.m.; \$30-\$20. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

### MUSEUMS

**Chula Vista Nature Center** Interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive, 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Coronado Museum of History and Art** "Ozily Yours: L. Frank Baum in Coronado" focuses on the life of L. Frank Baum in Coronado and his writings (which include the Oz books). Learn about "this Renaissance gentleman, his creativity, and his generosity." Exhibit with photographs, books, and memorabilia closes Tuesday, September 15.

Ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. 1100 Orange Avenue, 619-435-7242. (CORONADO)

**Flying Leatherneck Museum** Museum is dedicated to Marines who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Miramar Road (Marine Corps Air Station), 858-693-1723. (MIRA MESA)

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego** Glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. 413 Market Street, 619-237-1492. (DOWNTOWN)

**Heritage Museum** An interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park. 14134 Midland Road, 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

**Japanese Friendship Garden** Pan American Road, 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

**Veterans Museum and Memorial Center** Memorial to men and women who served in U.S. Armed Forces, Coast Guard, and Wartime Merchant Marine. Located in the former San Diego Naval Hospital Chapel, the museum features original service-inspired stained glass, as well as historical murals painted by Richard DeRosset. Main exhibit hall features displays, exhibits of historic artifacts, documents, photographs, memorabilia, artwork honoring men and women who served. Museum is also home to San Diego Vietnam Peace Memorial and Veterans Memorial Garden. 2115 Park Boulevard, 619-239-2100. (BALBOA PARK)

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## CLASSICAL MUSIC

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### CLASSICAL

**Student Performance Recital** USD music students present selections from their semester repertoire. 619-260-4171. Free. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park), 12:15 p.m., Thursday, May 7. (LINDA VISTA)

**Small Ensemble Concert** Recital by members of San Diego Youth Symphony. Classical favorites performed by Symphony Orchestra Octet, Sinfonia Quartet, and Concert Orchestra Quartet. 619-233-3232. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7. (LA JOLLA)

**How About Honegger?** San Diego State University Symphony Orchestra performs works by Musorgsky, Honegger, Chopin, and Tomasi. 619-594-1017. \$10-\$15. Smith Recital Hall at SDSU (5500 Campanile Drive), 7 p.m., Thursday, May 7. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Fine Arts Trio** Pianist, composer Robert Hart, violinist Julie Park, cellist Janet White perform music of Mozart, de Boismortier, and Hart. Trio will also perform Hart's original musical score for world premiere screening of *Evangeline*, a film interpretation of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's celebrated poem by Annette Cyr. Required reservations: 858-642-8095. Free. Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive), 7 p.m., Friday, May 8. (LA JOLLA)

**"The Lark Ascending"** Vaughan Williams's piece played for Jacobs' Masterworks concerts by San Diego Symphony, plus "Symphony No. 1" by Elgar, Franz Krommer's unusual and tuneful "Concerto for Two Clarinets." Reservations: 619-235-0804. \$20-\$93. Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street), 8 p.m., Friday, May 8; 2 p.m., Sunday, May 10. (DOWNTOWN)

**Odeum Guitar Duo** Grossmont College Guitar Guild presents performance by Grossmont College guitar instructors Fred Benedetti

and Robert Wetzel in recital hall room 220. 619-644-7299. \$8-\$10. Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive), 8 p.m., Friday, May 8. (EL CAJON)

**"Super Heroes"** When the Hutchins Consort performs, "see what it takes to control a megalomaniac composer, watch the antics of this ensemble as they musically duel with the forces of evil." Wow! Program features Botticini's "Super Bassman" bass concerto. 760-753-7376. Free. Encinitas Library (540 Cornish Drive), 10 a.m., Saturday, May 9. (ENCINITAS)

**Tragic and Haunting** San Diego Opera's 44th season closes with Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. Cast includes American soprano Patricia Racette (who has made Cio-Cio-San her signature role), Uruguayan tenor Carlo Ventre, American baritone Malcolm MacKenzie, Chinese mezzo-soprano Zhen Cao, Taiwanese tenor Joseph Hu, others. Conductor is Edoardo Müller, director is Garnett Bruce. Performed in Italian with English translations above the stage. Reservations: 619-533-7000. \$28-\$175. San Diego Civic Theatre (1100 Third Avenue), 7 p.m., Saturday, May 9; 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 12. (DOWNTOWN)

**(Encore) Grand Opening Concert** Visit the new \$53 million music center during this recital. 858-534-4830. \$10-\$25. Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD (Russell Lane at Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (LA JOLLA)

**Organ Concert** Civic organist Carol Williams performs. 619-702-8138. Free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion (2211 Pan American Road), 2 p.m., Sunday, May 10. (BALBOA PARK)

**Jung Trio** Enjoy selections by Haydn, Piazzolla, and Brahms when trio performs final concert of spring series. 619-236-5810. Free. San Diego Public Library (820 E Street), 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10. (DOWNTOWN)

**Harpsichord Music Fan?** Are you fan of harpsichord music from 16th-21st Centuries? If your answer is yes, enjoy performance by UCSD's harpsichord students, under instruction of Takae Ohnishi. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Monday, May 11. (LA JOLLA)

**Composition Honors Recital** Koka Bryant and Ross Hornbuckle present their undergraduate honors recital. 858-534-3229. Free. Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 12. (LA JOLLA)

**Piano Time** Pianist James Gary plays works by American composers Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Edward MacDowell, Charles Tomlinson Griffes, and Scott Joplin in the period from 1850-1915 for family music program. 858-522-1668. Free. Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive), 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 13. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**red fish blue fish** UCSD's renowned resident percussion ensemble plans concert with works by Iannis Xenakis and John Cage

in UCSD's new Conrad Prebys Concert Hall. 858-534-3229. Free. University of California San Diego (9500 Gilman Drive), 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 13. (LA JOLLA)

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### GALLERIES

**"Flora and Fauna Fanfare"** Artist reception for watercolorists Jim Hare and Joyce Ferraro. Through May. 760-305-8278. Free. Gallery 204 (204 Main Street), 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 8. (VISTA)

**"Greenwashing/Recycled Art"** Opening reception for exhibition of art made from recycled materials by local and regional artists. Juror was Olivia Luther, curator at California Center for the Arts, Escondido Museum. Closes Friday, June 5. 760-480-4101. Free. Escondido Municipal Gallery (142 West Grand Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Illusionary Skins"** Opening reception for Reem Dashti's master of fine arts thesis exhibition. Closes Thursday, May 14. 619-594-6511. Free. Everett Gee Jackson Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 6 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"Plein Air North Park"** Reception for exhibition resulting from competition; voting for people's choice awards take place during reception. Awards reception: May 16. Finalist's artwork displayed May 15-June 14. 619-299-4278. Free. San Diego Art Department (3830 Ray Street), 6 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (NORTH PARK)

**"Rebirth"** Reception for PhotoArts Group members, exhibiting their photographs exploring concept of rebirth. Through Friday, June 5. 760-480-4101. Free. Inner-Space Gallery (262 East Grand Avenue), 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (ESCONDIDO)

**"Reflections"** Opening reception for exhibit of oil paintings by Mary Beck. Closes Sunday, July 12. 760-795-6120. Free. Front Porch Gallery (2903 Carlsbad Boulevard), noon, Saturday, May 9. (CARLSBAD)

**"Socially and Environmentally Responsive Design"** Artist reception for Kristy McCloskey's

MFA thesis exhibition in Installation Room 418-C Art North Building. Through Thursday, May 14. 619-948-0894. Free. San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 6 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"State of the Art"** Exhibit opens with reception for the nine participating artists. Exhibit highlights work by goldsmith Liaung Chung Yen. Closes Friday, June 19. 619-692-0099. Free. Taboo Studio (1615 West Lewis Street), 6 p.m., Friday, May 8. (MISSION HILLS)

**"Struggling and Emergence"** Opening reception for Master of Fine Arts thesis exhibition by Sophia Jungam Park. View exhibit through Thursday, May 14. 618-203-9366. Free. Flor y Canto Gallery at San Diego State University (5500 Campanile Drive), 6 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (COLLEGE AREA)

**"The Colors of Spring"** Reception for exhibition by "Spirit of Women" artist Kathleen Bellows and plein-air impressionist Edward Juarez. Through May. 760-789-3682. Free. Olde Ramona Hotel Gallery (845 Main Street), 4 p.m., Saturday, May 9. (RAMONA)

**Artists' Reception** Opening for featured artists Gaga Barnes, Bobbi Harrington, Isabella Breasted and Judy Salinsky. Through June. 760-942-3636. Free. Off Track Gallery (500 Second Street), 5 p.m., Friday, May 8. (ENCINITAS)

**Grand Opening** Opening party for C St. Studio and resident photographers Leigh Ann Wedbush, Jennifer George Walker, Jessica Davis, Shannon Henry, Justin Lee, and Kevin Roche promises music and libations. 310-210-2088. Free. C St. Studios (134 East Cliff Street), 7 p.m., Friday, May 8. (SOLANA BEACH)

### MUSEUMS & PUBLIC ART

**Mingei International Museum** "Masters of Mid-Century California Modernism — Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman," continuing through Sunday, October 18, presents overview of duo's 50-year collaborative partnership, focusing on their work in decorative art and design. These Los Angeles-based artists shared their interest in, and devotion to, principles of modern design — as defined by Bauhaus philosophy of integrating fine art and craftsmanship with industrial practices to produce quality products. Their body of work is remarkable for its diversity of styles, techniques, materials.

"India Adorned" features selections from museum's Stephen Huyler Collection. Exhibit "reveals the colorful diversity of Indian creative expression, presenting an evocative collection of works that are used in the daily routine of a typical Indian family — objects of worship, personal and domestic adornment, utility, and recreation." Closes Sunday, September 6.

"Shibui — The Subtle Beauty of Japanese Craft" features metal, textiles, wood, and ceramics from

museum's collection of Japanese folk art, craft, design. Highlights include kimono and textiles by Keisuke Serizawa, more. Continues through Sunday, June 28. 1439 El Prado, 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

**Mingei International Museum — North County** "Nomadic Legacy — Tent and Textiles of Central Asia and Iran" presents aspects of rich artistic heritage of nomadic culture, traditions with origins in antiquity. Highlights include recent gifts to museum such as a Kyrgyz yurt, Persian bag faces, Central Asian hats. The Kyrgyz yurt — a round, domed, trellis-tent dwelling, 22 feet in diameter — won first prize in a national contest celebrating 1000th anniversary of Kyrgyzstan's existence. Also on view: rare Kyrgyz reed screens; Turkoman, Uzbek, and Kazakh costumes and textiles. Exhibit continues through Sunday, August 2. 155 West Grand Avenue, 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

**Museum of Photographic Arts** "Lou Stoumen: The Naked Truth" is solo exhibition of photographs by the artist describing "the era in which he lived" and his travels around the U.S., India, Puerto Rico, China, Japan, and beyond. Closes Sunday, July 2.

Also on exhibit through May 17: "Lou Stoumen Award Winners: The Legacy." Exhibition begins with photographs by 2009 Stoumen Prize Winner, Mikhail Subotsky, as well as previous Stoumen winners Debbie Fleming Caffery (1996), Kenro Izu (1999), James Nachtwey (2002), Gary Schneider (2006), featuring the photographs that won them the award alongside new work created after receiving it.

Edward Steichen (1879-1973) was one of the most influential figures in history of photography. "Edward Steichen: The Early Years" consists of Steichen's "signature soft-focus, moody studies of light, landscape, and form." Closes Sunday, May 17.

"Considering Edward Curtis," closing on Sunday, May 10, examines over 35 photogravures from 1907 to 1930 made by Edward Curtis (1868-1952) for his monumental 20-volume opus on Native American tribes. 1649 El Prado, 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

**Oceanside Museum of Art** Referencing multiple dimensions of pop culture, "Lowbrow Art: Nine San Diego Pop Surrealists" is said to highlight "alternative styles of expression that comment on the

subculture of San Diego." See work by Mary Fleener, Scott Saw, Tim McCormick, Scrojo (Craig Haskett), Jason Sherry, Charles Glaubitz, Ron Wharton, Pamela Jaeger, and Jen Trute through Sunday, May 24. "Each artist extols their narrative world of fantasy through a personal approach reflecting the regional underground culture."

In "Cell Memory," artist Valentyna Roenko Simpson has created a fiber installation addressing the potential DNA holds for unlocking secrets of human ancestry. Themes of identity, ancestry, science, memory permeate her artistic vision. View installation through Thursday, July 2.

"Institutional Wellbeing: An Olfactory Plan for Oceanside Museum of Art" is a site-specific installation created by conceptual artist Brian Goeltzenleuchter exploring perception of fragrance as an art media for interior environments. Piece "playfully exploits the language of corporate aesthetics as well as new age healing to create and brand a scent for the museum using the latest in scent engineering technology." Closes Sunday, August 9. 704 Pier View Way, 760-435-3720. (OCEANSIDE)

**San Diego Museum of Art** "Oceanic Art: A Celebration of Form" features 97 works of art primarily from Melanesia and Polynesia, as well as objects from Micronesia and Taiwan. Closes Sunday, January 3.

"In the Company Manner," on display through Sunday, September 27, explores aspects of works in museum's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection of Indian Painting. Exhibition features works by Indian artists who adjusted their painting styles to suit tastes of British patrons affiliated with East India Company during 18th and 19th Centuries in India.

"Young Art 2009: Expressing Literature," art created by kindergarten through 12th grade students from San Diego on display at the museum and at various San Diego public library branches through May. 1450 El Prado, 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

**Timken Museum of Art** Permanent collection includes European old master paintings, 18th- and 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. *Saint Bartholomew*, the only Rembrandt painting on public display in San Diego, is featured. 1500 El Prado, 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)



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**Worst of the Worst** Will an unruly punk show end live music at the Jumping Turtle?

Sheriff's deputy Sgt. Glenn Antonio said every patrol car assigned to San Marcos the night of Saturday, April 18, was called to the Jumping Turtle. In addition

tured Tim Raldo and the Filthy Fucks, Buckface, and the Embalmers.

The Jumping Turtle hosts bands five to seven nights a week. Over the years, the restaurant/bar near Palomar College has hosted punk and hardcore national bands such

those who remained inside were the most unruly.

Antonio says there were three arrested that night. "There should have been more arrests, but we were only able to get to the worst of the worst. One of our deputies was jumped."

He said the most serious arrest was of a 17-year-old who was charged with being intoxicated, resisting arrest, and assaulting an officer with violent force. The other two, aged 18 and 28, were also charged with being intoxicated. Antonio says one of his men had to use a taser.

The Jumping Turtle is one of the few all-age music venues in San Diego County that has a full bar.

Antonio says his department recently contacted the City of San Marcos with specific requests about what should now happen with the Jumping Turtle's entertainment license.

"The Jumping Turtle has been a drain on law enforcement resources for two to three years. That is an establishment that is legally permitted to operate as a restaurant. We have suggested that some type of action take place.... Things are in the works. We are not ready to comment on anything just yet."

In San Marcos it is the city clerk's office that handles entertainment permits.

City clerk Susie Vasquez

says that she has received the sheriff department's request but has yet to make an announcement on a decision. On April 29, she said she had yet to contact Jumping Turtle ownership and that she should issue a decision within a week.

Here's what Brayden, 27, had to say about the night.

"At the time, I thought the cops were out of line, but later, after sobering up, I realized it was purely the show and the excitement of the night inciting the violence and chaos.... Once they were carried out by security, they fought back even harder."

— Ken Leighton

### Shop Class Philanthropists

Industrial-arts programs were important to Bob Taylor and Greg Deering when they were growing up in San Diego. It was during woodshop classes they made their first instruments: Taylor made his first guitar in his 11th grade woodshop class at San Diego High in 1972, and Deering made his first banjo while enrolled in a woodshop class at San Diego State.

After working together at East County guitar manufacturer the American Dream — started by James Goodall (Goodall Guitars), Geoff Stelling (Stelling Banjos), and Larry Breedlove (Breedlove Guitars) — in the mid-'70s, Deering and Taylor branched

off and started their own companies, both in East County.

For the past 35 years,



**SHOP CLASS SUCCESS STORIES (DEERING, TAYLOR)**

based on the skills they learned from taking woodshop class, Deering Banjos and Taylor Guitars have risen to the top of guitar and banjo manufacturing worldwide.

But the two found out that funding for industrial-arts programs was getting shaved from East County school budgets.

As a way to support the industrial-arts programs in East County schools, and to raise money and put funds back into local high school woodshops, Taylor and Deering, along with the East County Economic Development Council, are putting together a benefit concert for East County industrial-arts programs at Cuyamaca College on May 8.

The headlining acts at the "Build a Future Concert" are

renowned folk and bluegrass legends the Kruger Brothers and country-style acoustic guitarist Doyle Dykes.

"There's a mistake in thinking that slow kids take shop while smart kids take academics," wrote Taylor in an email. "I reject that notion. I'm smart, and I took shop. By removing industrial arts from school, we disallow those who are talented in such things the ability to discover that they are."

— Dorian Hargrove

**Talk Dirty to Me** "Every gig we're surprised by someone who looks like a vocal outcast but who burns the mike," says Pickford's Party drummer Eric Ganci, whose band plays live behind amateur singers at Rock Out Karaoke. "We do costumes and props, too, so we have the jean jacket and leather wrist strap for Billy Idol, a wig for Nirvana, that kind of thing."

Ganci says their strangest contestant was at Viejas. "He was an older gentleman, about 75 to 80, wearing white gloves, a red Hawaiian shirt, and strutting with a cane. He sang well, but the song choice threw everyone — 'Talk Dirty to Me,' by Poison."

The band most often finds itself playing "Sweet Child o' Mine" (Guns N' Roses), "Rebel Yell" (Billy Idol), and for female singers,

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to those eight cars, "We called in [sheriff's deputy] units from unincorporated areas as far away as Valley Center." He says seven CHP units and the Sheriff's Astrea helicopter were also on the scene.

"We got a call from some-

as Otep, Static X, TSOL, Exodus, Telstar, Into Eternity, Green Jelly, M.O.D., and Flotsam and Jetsam.

Antonio says that once the deputies arrived, "The band started inciting the people to riot. The security or



**HEADLINERS WANTED DEAD**

one inside who said that there was a near-riot and that the security couldn't handle it."

North County-based Wanted Dead headlined a show that night that also fea-

management unplugged the power and the band continued to play." He said eventually the security and law-enforcement officers got almost everyone outside but

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“Black Velvet” (Alannah Myles). “Sweet Home Alabama” is so popular, we recently did it with about 20 singers, all at once.”

Least popular with the players are “Stay” (Lisa Loeb), “Island in the Sun” (Weezer), and “Brown Eyed Girl” (Van Morrison). “They’re all great tunes, but a little slower and

Not all contestants rock the mike. “When liquid courage has overwhelmed the performer or they’re headed to karaoke hell in a handbasket, then the band just sticks to the song.”

Ganci blames Who singer Roger Daltrey for their biggest dilemma. “Singers always want to swing the mike, and the sound guy will have none of that.

“We strongly encourage an energetic rock performance, but try to curb violent



KARAOKE WITH A CANE

easily overdone. Nobody likes hearing a favorite song butchered.”

Band faves include “Mother Mother” by Tracy Bonham and “Brick House” by the Commodores. “We just added ‘Ice, Ice Baby,’ and I hope it gets picked every time,” says Ganci. “We premiered it April 17, and the singer pulled off a great running-man move with about ten backup dancers.”

behavior.” You can burn the mike at Rock Out Karaoke tonight at the 710 Beach Club.

— Jay Allen Sanford

## If I’m Any Judge

I judged a battle of the bands last Tuesday night at the Hard Rock Café, home to Mojo’s leathers and Madonna’s bulletproof bra. The event was the San Diego leg of the Ambassadors of



Rock competition, of which the final winning band gets a trip to London to open shows for Neil Young and Bruce Springsteen. I know: *That’s a prize?* Nothing against them mega men, but who’d want to play before 40,000 piss-drunk soccer fans clamoring for “Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out”? *Oi, get off the fookin’ stage!*

Sobutanyway, 91X did the selection legwork, and the Hard Rock downtown hosted the four SD finalists — Fuzz-Huzzi, New Archaic, Bitter Sober, Long Live Logos — who would be judged by Sonny Sandoval from P.O.D., 91X muckity-muck Josh Hammond, and me. We scored it like this: points for overall musicianship (up to 30), points for vocals (up to

20), points for stage presence (up to 20), originality of two songs performed (up to 20 points), audience reaction (up to 10). Easy.

The club was crowded and staff eager to please with a steady flow of greasy eats and complimentary quaffs for the judges’ table, which was a little far from the stage. We were tucked under the flying Harley at the back of the packed dance floor with little-to-no view of the performers. But the sound was good and loud.

Over the course of the show, Sandoval spilled a couple of Red Bulls on us. Yes, twice. He might deny it, but I have a picture with the rock star, and you can clearly see the stains on my shirt. Do

you know what it’s like trying to get gabardine cleaned? Anyway, forget it, he’s a sweet (if a bit clumsy) kid.



ONE STEP CLOSER TO LONDON (NEW ARCHAIC)

All four bands were solid, entertaining, difficult to dismiss. By audience reaction, and there were at least 300

head at the back of the bar for the event, it was a helluva show. And in the end, the best band won because musically they had the most range, braving away from staid song structures and taking chances vocally without a hint of posturing.

“Each band was the best in their genre,” explained Hammond about the selections. I’m not sure what genre New Archaic falls into (arena pop?), but they bested the field and took one step closer to London that night.

— Barnaby Monk

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DEVIL MAKES THREE AT CASBAH

Angelino hardcore fiddle-n-washboard crew **Old Man Markley**.... Brooklyn MC **Talib Kweli** brings the Hard Truth Soldier tour's urban army to 4th&B. The alt-hop hit's latest, *Prisoner of Consciousness*, which was supposed to drop last year, is still unreleased due to the artist's split with Warner Bros. In the mean, pull out *Eardrum* (ew) or some Black Star comps to get set. The posse setting the downtown stage includes **Paris, Dead Prez, Immortal Technique**, and **Sellassie**. Word.... 'Round the bend, roots-reggae royalty David Hinds and **Steel Pulse** hit House of Blues. Though known more as a tour troupe in their 35-year career, the U.K. rastas still got a Grammy t'show for 1986's *Babylon the Bandit* — a classic.

### Friday 8

Instrumental foursome **Sleeping People** will lay it down at Soda Bar Friday night. This is the first SanDago show for the local experimentalists in over a year, as it appears the avant act took some time off after Euro-touring for '07 math-rock collection *Growing* (Temporary Residence). Hometown heavies **Hialeah** will set the stage.... Shine your shoes, ese, as House of Blues hosts Latin dance jams from **B-Side, Samba Da, and Uproground**.... Your Tucson crush **Marianne**

**Dissard** will play the French ingénue at Bar Pink before heading off on a world tour behind Joey Burns-curated debut *L'Entredeux*. Her drummer feller **Andrew Collberg** sets the stage.... 4th&B gets its hard-rock **KIX** ("Don't Close Your Eyes," "Cold Blood") when the Baltimore band takes the downtown stage. The 30-year vets are gearing up for a summer of metal fests.... Cricket calls up **Black Eyed Peas, Flo Rida**, and **All-American Rejects** for an evening of hip-hop and pop rock by the radio hitmakers.... Soma fills a bill with San Diego's indie pop and rock showpieces. To wit, man: **Get Back Loretta, Scarlet Symphony, Bedford Grove, Goodnight Caulfield**, and the **New Archaic**, who just walked away with a first-place Hard Rock Ambassadors of Rock ribbon.... Everybody's favorite session cat, **Leon Russell**, plays an early set behind the keys at Anthology. And jazz-funk foursome **Pocket** will close the club.... **Stack-Aly** of DJ collective the Strychnines will spin garage, glam, and '60s pop-n-soul at Ruby Room.... No-wave party band **Apes of Wrath** swing into Casbah with **Dabbers, Old In Out**, and the **Softhands**.... And Radio Room dials in the pop rock with vox-solid acts **Vision of a Dying World, Leisuresuit**, and the **Feelings Mutual**. Hadn't heard of Leisuresuit, but the Space takes describe the jangle and bounce of early REM, if that's your thing.

### Saturday 9

Charles Thompson (aka Black Francis, aka Frank Black, aka "the big Pixie") has a new act with wife Violet Clark. The duo are called **Grand Duchy**, and their Cooking Vinyl



GRAND DUCHY AT CASBAH

Records debut is *Petits Fours*, a collection that had one critic lament, "like a wedding band covering Pixies." Ouch. It's not that bad. Though, admittedly, she does have a Kim Deal-ish voice. So, Saturday, with she on bass, synth, and mic and he on the six-string, the Thompson-Black-



MURDER JUNKIES AT RADIO ROOM

Clarks will play Casbah.... UCSD Loft launches catchy L.A. act **Her Space Holiday**. The indies have hit the TVwaves with *Xoxo Panda & the New Kid Revival* lead single "Sleepy Tigers." You've probably seen the Cox ad. That track's sure to be a summer smash. (Sounds like HSH should send a thank-you note to Moldy Peaches, no?).... Pop rock for the Red Bull set. Chi-town transplants (they're in L.A. now) **OK Go** go to House of Blues. **IO Echo** and **Jaguar Love** (ex-Blood Brothers) set the downtown stage for a tempting triple bill.... Else: Folksy singer-songwriters **Bob Schneider, Jason Shannon**, and **Charlie Mars** strum-n-hum at Belly Up...while **That 1 Guy**, playing his trademarked "Buttmachine," and surf-rock trio **Secret Samurai** stack 'em up at Brick by Brick.

### Sunday 10

Barroom rockers **Joey Harris and the Mentals** bring it to Beauty Bar Sunday night. Harris et al. are about to take over a weekly slot up at the Tiki in P.B. and are due this summer to drop a collection of originals via Double Barrel Records. Look for 'em. Should be noted that the eponymous disc was recorded and produced by main Mudshark Scottie Blinn. You can almost smell the skunk.... NYC psych-folk foursome **Arizona** visits Bar Pink. They got a rusty one in their latest, *Glowing Bird*. Check the takes at [myspace.com/arizonatheband](http://myspace.com/arizonatheband). FYI: that show's a freebie.... Jason Molina's Americana act **Magnolia Electric Co.** will

light up Belly Up for headliners the **Avett Brothers**. Magnolia's got a new EP out on Secretly Canadian, *It's Made Me Cry*. Yup.... Radio Room books **Murder Junkies**, one-time backing band for the deceased prince of punk GG Allin. Big brother Merle Allin heads the historic quartet.... Local noise-core crews **Long and Short of It, Same Sex Dictator**, and **Secret Fun Club** thrash Casbah. Please note, earplugs are known to inhibit headbanging.

### Monday 11

Casbah's Anti-Monday meet-up stages ex-Spacemen 3 act **Spectrum**, up-and-coming locals the **Crocodiles**, and **Spirit Photography**, with **Tapedeck Mountain** in the Atari Lounge. In case you missed it, the Crocs' debut *Summer of Hate* got Pitch-slapped last week with a 4.1 for the weak-kneed nu wave surrounding single "Neon Jesus," which, regardless, still stands as SD track of the year. Hey, I liked OMD. Not as much as J&MC, but a 4.1.... So, did they change your life? Natalie Portman's favorite band the **Shins** step into Soma Monday night. The Grammy nominees left Sub Pop after the release of critical and commercial breakthrough *Winning the Night Away* (it debuted at number two on *Billboard* and broke all of Sub Pop's release-week records). Their next will bear James Mercer's homespun label Aural Apothecary.



SPECTRUM AT CASBAH

### Tuesday 12

Acousti-crooners **Greg Laswell** and **Joanie Mendenhall** hook up at Casbah for an evening of heart-on-sleeve heaviosity. Laswell's getting some goopy press for his last collection, *Three Flights From Alto Nido*, which sticks if you got them kind of walls.

### Wednesday 13

I'm out of words. Real quik: Blues-rock retros **Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears** will pour it on Belly Up Wednesday night before Southern-rock headliners **Lucero**...91X brings its Next Big Thing thing to Casbah, featuring **Far, flUF** (they're new), **Trophy Fire**, and **Overbreaker**...Soda Bar sets up electro-punk ladies **VV Morgue** and **AntiQuark**...and just write your own witty entry for this one: **Magic Daggers, Vaginals**, Radio Room.



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# Define Music

*"It may be the intention. It may be the concept and the passion behind it."*

**Q**: How would you describe what you do?  
A: "Curator and devotee of experimental, classical, electronic, and improvised music," says Bonnie Wright.

Since 1995, when she opened the doors to the Spruce Street Forum, Wright has made the avant-garde her daily work, selecting and inviting experimental music to San Diego. The Forum gained an international reputation during the next seven years as a venue for the free-spirited expression of anything resembling music.

Wright describes her transformation into a promoter of the art-music scene as a midlife epiphany — something of a musical awakening, decades ago — when her daughter took her to a show by experimental art rocker Laurie Anderson. Afterward, Wright became interested in artists such as David Byrne and Grace Jones. "Remember Grace Jones?" she asks.

"In 1989 I asked myself an important question: what do you do when nobody's looking? A light bulb went off in my head," she says. Recently retired from corporate sales, she knew the answer was music.

Wright enrolled at UCSD, where she mingled with avant-garde musicians like George Lewis.

She later became his road manager and then went on to grad school.

"My thesis, if I ever finish it, is [going to be] titled 'The Effect of Rhythm and Blues on White Girls in the '50s.'"

## MUSIC

DAVE GOOD

Wright's first concert at the 140-seat Forum, which also served as an art gallery and meeting hall,

was a duo percussion event with Steve Schick and Vanessa Tomlinson. In the following years, by her estimate, Wright's Fresh Sounds Concert Series produced 150 concerts.

Critics might point out that the kind of performers Wright has featured — artists such as Peter Brötzman, Jackson Krall, or Derek Bailey — are not very musical. She laughs softly when I say this.

"That's very interesting. What is the definition of music anyway? Is it sound? Is it one-four-five and a four-four beat?" She pauses. "Not necessarily."

Was the Spruce Street Forum and its eclectic lineup ever profitable?

"Oh, God, no. I owned the building, so I didn't have to pay rent. I didn't pay myself a salary. Half the income came from grants, and half came from art sales and ticket sales."

Why, after seven years, did it close? "The fire

department made demands on changing the exits that cost more than I could afford. I sold the building to a design firm, and then I started a label called Henceforth Records."

On the difference between music and artistic noise: "It may be the intention. It may be the concept and the passion behind it. I think there's a lot of noise that can be really interesting, even if you can't dance to it. I like art to have a point of view. I like art to have something to say. I don't like every note I hear, but I want to hear it. I want to hear what's happening, and then I want to decide whether or not I want to hear it again." She laughs.

What, based on what is being played on the radio, do you think is the current pulse of San Diego's collective listening taste?

"My problem is that I don't know what to listen to here. I try to listen to KPBS at night, but they play, in my opinion, boring mainstream old classical stuff. I listen to KSDS, the jazz station, and I love Miff Mole because he's pushing the edges a little bit. But I don't know where to find indie rock. Who's playing Sigur Rós? I can't find it."

So what was the effect of R&B on white girls?

"This was post-WWII, during the late '40s and early '50s. We had transistor radios in our bedrooms for the first time, and therefore we didn't have to listen to our parents' music any longer. That was independence. We could listen



Bonnie Wright

to Wolfman Jack out of Long Beach. That's when we started listening to black music. There was really no teen culture before transistor radios. In a sense, by listening to black music, we white girls learned to listen to what the black community was saying, and when the Civil Rights movement came, we heard them. White girls had been made promises just like the black men had been made promises, and they never came to fruition. White girls were expected to take jobs like teaching, cooking, cleaning, secretarial, taking care of everybody. Our education was not particularly useful, except to find a husband. I know that's old news, but it still resonates with me."

Bonnie Wright turned 70 last year. Following a three-year hiatus in New York, Wright is back in San Diego. She is currently the curator of a music performance series at the Sushi Gallery in the East Village called the Fresh Sounds 2009 Music Series. It is held on the second Tuesday of each month. ■



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**4th&B:** 345 B Street, Downtown, 619-231-4343.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Kix, Rock/metal.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Vera's Veil. Rock. \$15.

**AcousticMusicSanDiego:**  
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights, 619-303-8176.  
*Sunday*, 7:30 p.m. — Byron Berline

& Bluegrass Etc. Bluegrass. \$20-\$45.

**Alpine Inn:** 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — Rockstreet. Covers/standards/rock. Free.

**Anthology:** 1337 India Street, Little Italy, 619-595-0300.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Jaqui Naylor. Jazz. \$16.  
*Friday*, 7:30 p.m. — Leon Russell. Blues/country/rock. \$36.  
*Wednesday*, 7:30 p.m. — Melissa Morgan. Jazz.

**Bar Pink:** 3829 30th Street, North Park, 619-564-7194.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Brawley. Country. Ages 21 and up.  
*Friday*, 10 p.m. — Marianne Dissard. With Andrew Collberg. French/indie/pop.  
*Sunday*, 10 p.m. — Arizona. Indie/soul. Ages 21 and up.

**Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino:** 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, 619-443-2300.  
*Sunday*, 6 p.m. — The Arrowhead Band. Covers/standards/rock.

**Belly Up Tavern:** 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, 858-481-8140.  
*Thursday*, 9 p.m. — Lydia Pense & Cold Blood. Blues/funk/rock.  
*Friday*, 9 p.m. — One Drop. With Tomorrow's Bad Seeds and DJ Divel. Reggae. Ages 21 and up.  
*Friday*, 5:30 p.m. — The Mar Dels.

Covers/standards/rock. \$5.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Bob Schneider. Folk/rock/pop.  
*Sunday*, 9 p.m. — The Avett Brothers. With Magnolia Electric Co. Folk/rock/country.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — Lucero. With Black Joe Louis & the Honeybeans. Alternative/rock. Ages 21 and up.

**The Bitter End:** 770 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-338-9300.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — Jacqueline Grace. Pop/R&B/Latin.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Cafe Peyote. With Manic Diffusion, Hearts Pharmacy, Dave Perskie, and Sweet Tooth. Rock.

**Borders Books and Music - Gaslamp:** 668 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-4200.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — Kim Evans. Blues. Free.

**Brick by Brick:** 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista, 619-275-5483.  
*Saturday*, 8:30 p.m. — That 1 Guy. Experimental/rock. Ages 21 and up.  
*Tuesday* — "Acoustic Alliance." Acoustic/folk/pop. Ages 21 and up.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — Red Ink. Rock.

**Café Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-233-5979.  
*Thursday* — Orquesta Salsa Caliente. Salsa.  
*Tuesday* — Mambo Salvaje. Tropical.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
*Friday* — Split Finger. Reggae/rock. Free.  
*Saturday*, 9 p.m. — Tainted Love. '80s tribute band. \$15. Ages 21 and up.  
*Wednesday*, 8 p.m. — RDG. Alternative/jazz/rock. \$10. Ages 21 and up.

**Carlsbad City Library:** 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.  
*Thursday*, 7 p.m. — One Way Flight. Alternative/rock. Free.  
*Tuesday*, 6:30 p.m. — Darlene Ahuna and Daniel Ho. Hawaiian/world. \$20-\$25.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-4355.  
*Thursday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Devil Makes Three. With Old Man Markley, Long Live Logos, and guests. Acoustic/blues/punk. \$10-\$12. Ages 21 and up.  
*Saturday*, 9:30 p.m. — Grand Duchy. Indie/rock. Ages 21 and up.  
*Sunday*, 8:30 p.m. — The Long and Short of It. With Same Sex Dictators and Secret Fun Club. Rock. Ages 21 and up.  
*Monday*, 8:30 p.m. — Spectrum. With Crocodiles, Spirit Photography, and Tape Deck Mountain in the Atari Lounge. Experimental/indie. \$8-\$10. Ages 21 and up.  
*Tuesday*, 8:30 p.m. — Joanie

Mendenhall. With Greg Laswell. Indie/pop/rock. Ages 21 and up.

**Claire de Lune:** 2906 University Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.  
*Friday*, 8 p.m. — Sene Africa. African/world. \$5.

**Cosmos Coffee Café:** 8278 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa.  
*Saturday*, 7 p.m. — James Grey and Kevin Fisher. Acoustic. Free.

**The Coyote Bar & Grill:** 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, 760-729-4695.  
*Thursday*, 6 p.m. — Red Lane. Rock/blues.  
*Friday*, 6 p.m. — Restless Natives. Rock/blues/reggae.  
*Sunday*, 5 p.m. — Billy Watson. Blues/soul/jazz.

**Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre:** 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, 619-671-3600.  
*Friday*, 5 p.m. — The Black Eyed Peas. With the All-American Rejects, Flo Rida, and guests. Hip-hop/pop/rock. \$27-\$81.

**Dirk's Niteclub:** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 619-469-6344.  
*Friday and Saturday*, 9:45 p.m. — Zone 4. Covers/rock.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive, Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
*Thursday*, 7:30 p.m. — Joey DeFrancesco. With Ramon Banda and Steve Cotter. Jazz. \$20.

*Saturday*, 8 p.m. — Wayne Shorter Tribute. Featuring Brian Levy, Gilbert Castellanos, Kevin Kanner, Mikan Zlatkovitch, and Rob Thorsen. Jazz.  
*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Diana Moser Benefit. Featuring Charles McPherson, Daniel Jackson, Mark Dresser, ESP Quintet, Rob Thorsen, Dave Millard, Mitch Manker, Duncan Moore, and more. Jazz. \$20.

**Dream Street Live:** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-8131.  
*Wednesday*, 9 p.m. — The Rocketz. With Gino and the Lone Gunmen, the Kasket Krawlers, and the Watchmen. Psychobilly/rockabilly. \$10.

**El Cajon Library:** 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, 619-588-3718.  
*Saturday*, 2:30 p.m. — The Jazz Notes. Jazz. Free. Ages 21 and up.

**Epicentre:** 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa, 858-271-4000.  
*Tuesday*, 7 p.m. — Future of Forestry. Indie/rock.

**Fannie's Nightclub:** 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley, 619-698-2204.  
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**Soma:** 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, Midway District, 619-226-7662. Friday, 7 p.m. — Get Back Loretta. With Scarlet Symphony and guests. Alternative/rock/soul. Saturday, 7 p.m. — A Dull Science.

# NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A couple of years ago, when the **Shins** were just getting ready to release their third album, *Winning the Night Away*, lead Shin **James Mercer** told *Pitchfork*, "One thing I worry about is that Malcolm Gladwell tipping point — it's kind of like once you start to play the game of trying to be huge, there's nowhere to go but down." As it happened, *Winning* debuted at No. 2 on the album charts and sold more than 100,000 copies in its first week. That may have been the tipping point right then.

After touring for a year in support of *Winning*, the Shins took much of the past

year off. Mercer played a few solo shows. He made plans to release the next Shins album on his own new record label, which may or may not be affiliated with Sub Pop, the label that has been the Shins' home since their beloved 2001 debut, *Oh, Inverted World*. (Presumably, Sub Pop wants the Shins to stay, seeing as how they're the biggest act they've had since the heyday of Seattle grunge.)

So, where does all this leave the Shins? Can they continue on just as before, secure in their status as America's favorite indie act? Maybe not, with the glow of *Garden State* now well faded. And let's not forget the Arcade Fire and all the other Canadians stealing the Shins' thunder. Fact is, the Shins have always seemed like unlikely candidates for superstardom. Mercer is a brilliant songwriter who has a knack for



SHINS

making oddball pop with mass appeal. He's probably got a career's worth of good songs in him still. But the masses may not stick around to hear them.

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Born in France, Disard's family moved to the U.S. when she was 16. Until her friendly involvement with Calexico, she had not considered a career in music. Burns nurtured a winsome vocal performance from her. She's got a sexy, husky whisper of a voice, and it is rock-steady the entire CD through. Although she sings entirely in French, the music she has created with Burns reminds me of a time that has been all but erased from my memory, something like '70s import movie music. It is delightfully noncommercial and full of risks. Some of the songs are cloaked in irony, while



others get the full-blood pump of a Hammond B3 organ. On European tours, Dissard says she travels light, but here in the U.S. she rolls as a five-piece with a drummer, twin guitars, and a violinist. Dissard says she plays the musical saw, "but not on this tour."

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 May 23 — The Shamey Jays.  
 May 28 — Paul Roberts.  
 June 4 — King's X.  
 June 25 — Uli Jon Roth.  
 July 7 — The Anti-Nowhere  
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 July 30 — The Jimmie Van Zant  
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**Café Sevilla:** 555 Fourth Avenue,  
 Downtown, 619-233-5979.  
 May 20 — Orquesta Hablando

Salsa.  
 May 21 — BombaChante.  
 May 24 — Orquesta Salsa Caliente.  
 May 26 — Mambo Salvaje.  
 May 27 — Orquesta 8.8.  
 May 28 — Walter II and Orquesta  
 Rumbanay.  
 May 31 — Orquesta Borinquen.

**Canes:** 3105 Ocean Front Walk,  
 Mission Beach, 858-488-1780.  
 May 14 — Still Time.  
 May 15 — Sprung Monkey.  
 May 16 — The Grouch & Eligh.  
 May 21 — Project Blowed.  
 May 22 — 40 Oz. to Freedom.  
 May 23 — SOJA.  
 May 28 — Parker & the  
 Numberman.  
 May 29 — Hot August Night.  
 May 30 — Major Healy.  
 June 5 — Stranger.  
 June 7 — The Legendary Shack  
 Shakers.  
 June 20 — Wild Child.

**The Casbah:** 2501 Kettner  
 Boulevard, Little Italy, 619-232-  
 4355.  
 May 14 — Cloud Cult.  
 May 15 — Isis.  
 May 16 — Big Sandy and His Fly-  
 Rite Boys.  
 May 20 — Fever Sleeves.  
 May 22 — The Dears.  
 May 23 — The Obits.  
 May 28 — The Riverboat  
 Gamblers.  
 May 29 — The Answers.  
 May 30 — St. Vincent.  
 May 30 — Hair Theatre.  
 June 2 — Big Business.  
 June 6 — The Slackers.  
 June 21 — The Queers.

**Ché Café:** 9500 Gilman Drive,  
 UCSD, 858-534-2311.  
 May 29 — The Spits.

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BY ROSA JURJEVICS

"Sugar," by Josh Damigo  
 and Rob Dee, was the most  
 downloaded MP3 from  
*SDReader.com* during the  
 month of April. Follows is  
 an interview with the duo.

*Sounds as if you've got a  
 Jack Johnson-meets-spoken-  
 word style going on here  
 with this song. What inspired  
 it?*

*Rob:* I would say it was  
 inspired by Jack Johnson  
 and spoken word. But seri-

ously, I was just hoping to get  
 a couple phone numbers. That's  
 why I do music.

*Josh:* I'm pretty sure we  
 wrote the chorus and decided  
 we should just tell a story about  
 going out and picking up chicks.  
 By combining my hooks and  
 Rob's lyrical style, "Sugar"  
 came into the world at 3 min-  
 utes and 40 ounces.

*The "Macarena" makes an  
 appearance in "Sugar." What  
 made you put that in?*

**Claire de Lune:** 2906 University  
 Avenue, North Park, 619-688-9845.  
 June 7, July 5 — Heroes Against  
 Hunger.

**Coronado High School:** 650 D  
 Avenue, Coronado.  
 May 16 — Coronado JazzFest 2009.

**Cox Arena:** 5500 Canyon Crest  
 Drive, SDSU, 619-594-6947.  
 June 20 — Yanni.  
 July 18 — Il Divo.  
 July 19 — Joan Sebastian.  
 August 20 — Green Day.  
 August 21 — Kings of Leon.

**Cricket Wireless  
 Amphitheatre:** 2050  
 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista,  
 619-671-3600.  
 May 16 — Nine Inch Nails.  
 May 22 — No Doubt.  
 June 20 — Vicente Fernandez.

June 22 — André Rieu.  
 July 9 — Incubus.  
 July 10 — Rise Against.  
 July 11 — 311 and Ziggy Marley.  
 July 25 — Snoop Dogg.  
 July 28 — The Fray.  
 August 8 — No Doubt.  
 August 14 — Depeche Mode.  
 August 22 — Vans Warped Tour.  
 September 5 — Nickelback.  
 September 12 — The Dave  
 Matthews Band.  
 October 2 — Brad Paisley.  
 October 16 — Jimmy Buffett.

**Del Mar Fairgrounds:** 2260  
 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del  
 Mar, 858-755-1161.  
 May 17 — Ezequiel Peña.  
 June 13 — Melissa Etheridge.  
 June 17 — Bret Michaels.  
 June 18 — David Cook.  
 June 20 — David Archuleta.  
 June 21 — La Arrolladora Banda

*Rob:* That's what she said.  
 What's the "Macarena"?

*Josh:* The chord progres-  
 sion has been used in hun-  
 dreds of songs. We usually  
 alternate between the  
 "Macarena" and "Mmmmbop."

*How does the "sugar" line work  
 on women outside of the song?*

*Rob:* It doesn't work at all.  
 I'm single, and I like chicks  
 that read. Wink, wink.

*Josh:* I usually don't have  
 to use the line.... I usually just  
 hum a couple bars of "Part of  
 Your World" from *The Little  
 Mermaid* and I'm set.



Josh Damigo and Rob Dee

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 June 25 — The B-52s.  
 June 26 — Switchfoot.  
 June 27 — Fifth Annual Gospel  
 Festival.  
 June 28 — Intocable.  
 June 29 — Clint Black.  
 June 30 — Creedence Clearwater  
 Revisited.  
 July 1 — KC & the Sunshine Band.  
 July 3 — Joan Jett and the  
 Blackhearts.  
 July 4 — Smokey Robinson.  
 July 5 — Kelly Clarkson.

**Dizzy's:** 200 Harbor Drive,  
 Downtown, 858-270-7467.  
 May 14 — Scott Feiner and Freddie  
 Bryant.  
 May 22 — Rondi Charleston.  
 May 28 — J.J. Johnson and Kai  
 Winding Tribute.  
 May 31 — Joni Mitchell Tribute.

**Harrah's Rincón:** 777 Harrah's  
 Rincón Way, Valley Center, 760-  
 751-3100.  
 May 22 — The Allman Brothers  
 Band.  
 June 28 — Aretha Franklin.  
 September 11 — Gary Allan.

**House of Blues:** 1055 Fifth  
 Avenue, Downtown, 619-299-2583.  
 May 14 — Doves.  
 May 15 — Ramón Ayala.  
 May 16 — Kevin Devine.  
 May 17 — Soulive.  
 May 18 — Tech N9ne.  
 May 20 — Fischerspooner.  
 May 21 — Ben Folds.  
 May 22 — Cowboy Mouth.  
 May 24 — "We Love the '90s!"  
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 May 27 — Robin Trower.  
 May 28 — Lady Sovereign.  
 May 30 — Hillsdale Music

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 August 30 — Susan Tedeschi.  
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 September 17 — Bon Taj Roulet.  
 September 18 — LeAnn Rimes.  
 September 21 — The Australian  
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 September 25 — The Beach Boys.  
 September 26 — Keali'i Reichel.  
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 September 28, September 29 —  
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## ALLIED GARDENS

**Pal Joey's:** Sunday, 7pm-close: \$1 shots.

## BALBOA PARK

**The Prado:** Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm, 8-10pm: \$3.50 wells, pints, house wine, house margaritas. Lounge only.

## BANKER'S HILL

**Azuki Sushi Lounge:** Monday, Thursday-Sunday, 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine, sangria, saketini. Tuesday-Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$.50 small sake w/ large beer, \$5 house wine.

## CARLSBAD

**The Alley:** Every day, 11am-7pm: \$2.75 wells, domestics.

**Boar Cross'n:** Thursday, 8-9pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light. Friday-Saturday, 8-10pm: \$1 Bud & Bud Light.

**The Coyote Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3 wells, beer, margaritas.

**Fenway's Sports Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-6pm: \$3 domestic, house wine. \$3.50 margarita, Cape Cod.

**Greek Village:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7:30pm: 1/2-off beer, wine by the glass, wells.

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

## CARMEL VALLEY

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, house margaritas.

**Twenty/20 Bar & Grill in the Sheraton Hotel:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$2 off any drink, 3-oz. martinis.

## CHULA VISTA

**El Dorado Seafood & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 4-7 pm: \$2 margaritas.

**Veni Vidi Vici:** Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$1 off all drafts, wells.

## CLAIREMONT

**Viva Vino:** Monday-Saturday, all day: \$.99 domestic beer.

## COLLEGE AREA

**Satin Lounge:** Thursday, \$1 drafts.

## DEL MAR

**Bully's:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm, 10pm-12am: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass. Friday, 3-6pm: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass. Sunday, 10pm-12am: \$2.75 bottle beer, \$4.50 wells, pints, \$5 well+juice, \$6 wine by glass.

## DOWNTOWN

**Basic Urban Kitchen and Bar:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$5 Imperia vodka, \$4 local beer, \$6 wine.

**The Bitter End:** Every day, 5-7pm: all drinks 1/2-price.

**C-Level:** Monday-Friday, 3:30-5pm: \$3.50 Bud Lite, Karl Strauss, Stone IPA, \$5 specialty drinks, wells, house wine.

**Café Sevilla:** Monday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price mojitos. Tuesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price wine bottles. Wednesday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price martini. Thursday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangrita. Friday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price garabato. Sunday, 5-6:30pm: 1/2-price sangria.

**Candelas:** Every day, 5-7pm: all drinks 1/2-price.

**Downtown Johnny Brown's:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 domestic bottled beer, \$3.50 pints of the day. Sunday, \$3.50 local pints.

**East Village Tavern and Bowl:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. Friday, Saturday: \$3 drafts, wells, wine. \$4 premium drafts, margaritas. 11pm-close: \$4 Jäger, Bacardi, Svedka.

**The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-5pm: \$3.50 wells.

**The Fish Market:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$3.75 draft, \$3.95 wells, \$2.95 domestic beer.

**The Fleetwood:** Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. Wednesday, 5-6pm: \$4 calls. 5-7pm: 1/2 off wine bottles.

**Fuddruckers:** Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine. Saturday, 10pm-midnight: \$4.50 Bud Light/Coors Light pitchers. \$1 off all beer, wine.

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints, house wine, wells (vodka, gin, rum).

**La Gran Tapa:** Tuesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft. Wednesday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, 1/2-off select bottles/wine. Thursday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft, \$10 pitcher sangria/draft.

**Las Hadas Bar & Grill:** Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm, 10pm-12am: \$2 Bud Light/Coors Light drafts, \$3 margaritas, wine, wells, sangria.

**Hive Sushi Lounge:** Every day, 5-7pm: \$2.49 large sake, \$1.99 drafts (+ \$.99 for sake bomb).

**Jewel Box:** Monday, \$2 PBR drafts. Wednesday, 6pm-2am: \$5 Jäger bombs w/ military ID. Thursday, 8pm-2am: Industry Night. \$3.75 calls. Must show apron/pay stub.

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.

**La Fiesta:** Every day, 5-7pm: 1/2-price calls, wells, tap beers, house wine, house margaritas.

**Mister Tiki Mai Tai Lounge:** Every day, 5-7pm: \$5 Haole mai tai, Lilikoi mojito, Coconut Kiss martini, large Sapporo, house wine.

**O'Brothers:** Every day, 3:30-6:30 pm: \$5 glass of wine, 24-oz. organic beer \$7 (12 oz. \$3).

**Patrick's II:** Every day, 10am-7pm: \$3.25 wells, \$1 off calls. \$3 Bud drafts, \$3.75 import bottles.

**RA Sushi:** Every day, 10pm-midnight: \$3 wells. \$4 cosmos, Kirin, house wine, apple martinis.

**Rock Bottom Brewery, Downtown:** Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis. Sunday, 10pm-close: \$3.50 pints, wells, house wine, \$4.95 specialty drinks/martinis.

**Rockin' Baja Lobster:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3.50 margaritas. \$4 Long Islands. \$3-\$5 drafts.

**San Diego Wine and Culinary Center:** Tuesday-Saturday, 5-8pm: \$5 house wine, wells, \$7 Christopher's Cuvee. 12-9pm: tasting flights.

**The Shout House:** Tuesday, \$2.50 Karls, \$5 cosmos. Wednesday, \$1.50 domestic bottles. Thursday, \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, \$10 Miller High Life buckets, \$2 lunchbox shots. Friday, 6-7pm: \$1 any draft. Sunday, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 wells, wine, Jäger.

**Stage Saloon:** Every day, 5-8pm: 1/2-off all wells, beer, wine.

**Stout Public House:** Monday-Friday, 4-8pm: \$3 bottled beer, \$4 premium pints, \$4 well drinks, \$5 cosmos, appletinis, margaritas. Saturday and Sunday, \$3 domestic and Canadian bottled beer, \$4 well drinks, Bloody Marys, \$5 mimosas.

**Suite & Tender:** Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$20 bottomless wine, 1/2-off specialty cocktails.

**Tivoli Bar:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$1 off pitchers, \$.50 off liquor.

**Xavier's Bar & Grill:** Tuesday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, drafts. \$2 off wine.

## EL CAJON

**Main Tap Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts,

\$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls. Sunday, all day: \$1 off 16-oz. drafts, \$2 off pitchers, \$3 calls.

## ENCINITAS

**The Calypso Café:** Every day, 5-7pm: \$4 wells, sangria, margaritas. \$4 house wine. \$3.50 beer.

## ESCONDIDO

**Holiday Wine Cellar:** Monday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 for 5 wine tasting. Tuesday, 5:30-7:30pm: \$5 beer tasting.

**Tango Restaurant & Lounge:** Monday, all night: \$1 off all drinks. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all drinks.

## GRANTVILLE

**Tio Leo's:** Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).

## HILLCREST

**Cafe Eleven:** Every day, 2-6pm: \$4 house maragritas, \$3 wells, house wine, bottled beer.

**Café Bleu:** Monday, \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. Tuesday-Saturday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles

**Wine Steals:** Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.

## KEARNY MESA

**94th Aero Squadron:** Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$2 Bud Lite on tap. \$5 martinis. Saturday-Sunday, 1/2-price bottles of wine.

**Carriage House Cocktails & Karaoke:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic bottled beer, \$3 wells, domestic pints.

**Khan's Cave Grill & Tavern:** Monday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$1.25 off draft, \$1 off glass of wine.

**Pampas Argentine Grill:** Tuesday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 beer/wells. \$4 margaritas/wine specials.

**Tajima Sushi & Japanese Tapas:** Monday-Thursday, 4-7pm: 1/2-off house sake/draft beer.

## KENSINGTON-TALMADGE

**Beauty Bar:** Monday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. Tuesday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$4 Three Olives. Wednesday-Thursday, 3-7 pm: \$5 wine. \$6 martinis. 1/2-off select wine bottles. Friday, \$4 bombs. \$5 Brunettes/Blondes. \$3 Fernet.

**The Kensington Club:** Every day, 10am-6pm: \$2.50 wells, drafts, domestic bottles.

**Kensington Vine:** Monday, 3pm-close: \$5 fine wine. Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 fine wine.

## LA JOLLA

**Beaumont's:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$3-5 cocktails, wine, beer.

**Clay's La Jolla:** Every day, 4-7pm: \$3 drafts, \$4 wells, \$5 sangria, \$6 house wine.

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beers.

**La Jolla Brew House:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$3 wells, house drafts. \$4 house wine. \$5 premiums.

**La Jolla Rancherita:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 wells, \$2.50 domestics, \$2.75 imports.

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## LA MESA

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill:** *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 2-6pm, 10pm-close: \$1.50 off drafts, \$3 off bottled wine. Saturday-Sunday, 2-6pm: \$1.50 off drafts, \$3 off bottled wine.*

**Riviera Supper Club & Turquoise Room:** *Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 off all cocktails, wine, drafts.*

## LEUCADIA

**Bar Leucadian:** *Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.75 wells. \$2.50 domestics. \$3 Corona, Pacifico, Imperiala.*

## LINDA VISTA

**Brick by Brick:** *Every day, 3-6pm: \$2.50 house wine. 1/2-off beer.*

**Tio Leo's:** *Monday, 3-7pm: \$3 pints. \$4 wells, margaritas. Tuesday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$3 wells, domestic drafts. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).*

## LITTLE ITALY

**Anthology:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis. Tuesday, 5:30-7pm: \$6 wells, wine specials. \$8 margaritas. \$9 martinis. 1/2-price wine.*

**Illume Bistro:** *Every day, 5-7pm: \$3 beer, \$4 draft, wells, \$5 wines, \$7 martinis.*

## MIDWAY DISTRICT

**Brick Alley Bar & Grill:** *Every day, 3-7pm, 9 pm-close: \$1 pints, mixed drinks. \$2 off tall beers, \$3 off pitchers.*

**Wine Steals:** *Wednesday, 5:30-7pm: \$5 wine tasting. Saturday, 4-6:30pm: \$10 wine tasting.*

## MIRA MESA

**The Filling Station:** *Monday, \$2 kamikazes. Wednesday, premium beer \$3.50/pint. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$1.75 pints, \$6 pitchers. Saturday, \$3 Bloody Marys. Sunday, \$3 mimosas.*

**Mira Mesa Lanes:** *Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 domestic pints, \$7 pitchers. \$3 import pints, \$10 pitchers. \$2.50 wells.*

## MISSION BEACH

**Canes:** *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2.50 beer of the month. \$3 wells, margaritas. \$4 margarita (keep shaker).*

**Guava Beach Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 cocktails, beer, shots. Saturday-Sunday, \$12 Bionic Beavers, \$2.50 kamikazes, \$8 Bud/Bud Light pitchers.*

## MISSION HILLS

**The Aero Club:** *Every day, 2-7pm: \$4 drafts, \$3 bottles.*

**Starlite:** *Monday-Saturday, 5-7pm: \$3 drafts, wells, \$1 off other. Sunday, all night: \$5 mules. \$15 off wine bottles.*

## MISSION VALLEY

**The Handlery Hotel and Resort:** *Wednesday, \$3 wells, beer, house wine.*

**In Cahoots:** *Wednesday, \$2 drinks. Friday-Saturday, \$2.50 Coors/Coors Light. Sunday, any drink \$2.50.*

## NATIONAL CITY

**Lai Thai Restaurant:** *Every day, 4-6pm: \$2 Thai beer.*

**McDini's:** *Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$2 off domestic pitchers, \$3.50 wells.*

## NORMAL HEIGHTS

**Air Conditioned Lounge:** *Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: Everything 1/2-off.*

## NORTH PARK

**Apertivo:** *Tuesday-Friday, 5-6:30pm: \$3 glass of wine. Sunday, 5-6:30pm: \$2.75 glass of wine.*

**Craze Burger:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Reisling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo. Friday-Saturday, 3-6pm, 9-11pm: \$2.99 drafts, \$15 pitchers of beer, \$3.99 Pinot Grigio, Reisling, Nero d'Avola, Tempranillo.*

**Cricket's Pub and Grill:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, \$2.75 domestic bottles, wells, \$4 margaritas.*

**Lips:** *Sunday, \$5 homojitos.*

**Toronado:** *Monday, 6-10pm: \$3 drafts.*

## OCEAN BEACH

**Blue Parrot:** *Monday-Friday, \$2 off glass of wine, \$3 margaritas. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-3pm: \$2.50 mimosas. \$5 Manmosas. \$4 screwdrivers, tequila sunrises, greyhounds.*

**Dream Street Live:** *Tuesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$2 wells, domestic pints. \$4 Guinness pints.*

**Winstons:** *Monday-Saturday, 1-8pm: \$3.50 wells. \$1 off all beer/wine.*

## OCEANSIDE

**Harney Sushi:** *Thursday, \$5 specialty cocktails.*

**Pierview Pub/Bub's Whiskey Dive Bar:** *Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 cans of Tecate.*

**Tremont Street Bar & Grill:** *Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$4 wells, house wine. \$1 off all beer.*

## OLD TOWN

**Harney Sushi:** *Wednesday, \$5 off specialty cocktails.*

## PACIFIC BEACH

**710 Beach Club:** *Monday-Friday, 1-7:10pm: \$7.10 beer & shot. Saturday-Sunday, 12-7pm: \$7 pitchers.*

**The Australian Pub:** *Monday-Friday, 7-9pm: \$3 Long Islands. Saturday, \$2.50 Karl Strauss. Sunday, \$3 Bloody Marys.*

**Costa Brava:** *Every day, 4-7pm: 1/2-price sangria.*

**The Dog:** *Monday-Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday, \$6 pitchers. Wednesday, \$1 mugs, \$6 pitchers.*

**Miller's Field:** *Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 wells.*

**Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** *Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7pm: \$2 wells, house wine. \$3 imports, microbrews. \$2 off all drafts.*

**Moray's Lounge:** *Monday, all day: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 drafts, \$3.50 wells, \$4.50 house wine.*

**Pacific Beach Ale House:** *Monday-Saturday, 3-6pm: \$3 drafts, wells, house wines.*

**Pacific Beach Bar & Grill:** *Friday-Saturday, \$2 drafts, wells. Saturday, 4-10pm: \$3 wells, wine, drafts.*

**The Turquoise, Café-Bar Europa:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-7pm: \$3 cask wine, sangria, draft.*

## POINT LOMA

**The Boathouse:** *Every day, 2:30-5pm: \$1.99 house margaritas (\$3 Cuervo Gold), \$3 beer of the month, \$4 wine of the month.*

**Extreme Pizza:** *Monday, All day: \$1.50 domestic drafts. Tuesday, \$6 wine carafes, beer pitchers. Saturday, \$2 bottled beer of the month. Sunday, \$5 domestic beer pitchers.*

**Riley's Music Lounge:** *Monday, 4-7pm: \$4 calls. Tuesday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2.50 pints. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$4 Jäger bombs. Thursday, 4-7pm: \$3 kamikazes, \$4 Jäger bombs. Friday, 4-7pm: \$3 calls. Saturday, 4-7pm: \$5 Long Island/Long Beach.*

## RANCHO BERNARDO

**Capri Blu:** *Every day, 3-7pm: 1/2-price drafts, wells.*

**Carvers:** *Monday-Friday, 2-6:30: \$2.75 beers, \$3.95 wells, \$4.25 house wines, \$4.75 well martinis/manhats-tans.*

## RANCHO SANTA FE

**Cavaillon:** *Tuesday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off-beer, glass of wine. Wednesday-Thursday, Sunday, 5-6pm: 1/2-off beer, glass of wine.*

## SAN MARCOS

**The Jumping Turtle:** *Monday, PBR: \$2.75/pint, \$6.75/pitcher. Tuesday, \$2 Corona, Pacifico, margaritas. Wednesday, \$4 drop drinks. Thursday, 7pm-close: \$3 Jäger. Friday, 5pm-midnight: \$5 Long Islands. Saturday, \$3 Orange Patron, Tanqueray. Sunday, \$2.50 Bloody Marys.*

## SOLANA BEACH

**The Fish Market Restaurant:** *Monday, 3:30-9:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Tuesday-Friday, 3:30-6:30pm: \$3.50 wells. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-4pm: \$3.50 wells.*

**Pacific Coast Grill:** *Every day, 4-7pm: \$5 gold margaritas, \$1 off draft, wells, wines by the glass, 25% off wine bottles.*

## SORRENTO VALLEY

**Ali Baba's Cave:** *Monday-Saturday, 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drinks.*

**Karl Strauss Brewing Company:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6:30pm: \$3.50 beer.*

## SOUTH PARK

**Alchemy:** *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wells, including Skyy, Seagram's, Jim Beam, Sauza Gold, \$2 off wines/glass, draft.*

**Hamilton's Tavern and Café:** *Every day, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts.*

**Whistle Stop Bar:** *Every day, 2-8pm: \$1 off all cocktails, pints.*

## SPRING VALLEY

**California Comfort:** *Every day, 4-7pm: \$2.50 domestic pints, wells, house wine.*

## TIERRASANTA

**JP's Pub:** *Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$2.50 wells, domestic drafts, \$3.25 house wine.*

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**Vesuvio Gourmet & Lounge:** *Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$5 martinis.*

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# Pursuit of Happy Hours

"Sometimes life is so good," I sighed, sipping my dirt-cheap caipirinha. Sam and I watched the ferry pull into the Coronado pier, disgorging commuters marching landward in their varied gaits and garbs. A white-sailed catamaran swanned out into the bay while the setting sun caught a silver-skinned downtown high-rise and turned the surface into Reynolds Wrap under a broiler. Little kids splashed and giggled at water's edge as the blushing sun plunged. We were sitting in a cool, woodsy room just off the narrow beach, replete with wonderful food and drink. "Everything half-price," I said. "I can have *whatever I want*, like a kid with indulgent grandparents at a holiday fair."

Thank you, Thomas Jefferson — I'm really enjoying my constitutional right to the pursuit of happy hours. Especially when the quest takes me to the new Coronado branch of Candelas, so far, the best happy hour I've tried.

Sam and I are both fans of the mother ship, a stately Gaslamp bastion of Mexican haute cuisine serving chef Eduardo Baeza's sophisticated French-Mex fusion dishes (of the sort you might find in Mexico City's posh Polanco district) amid severely handsome Spanish decor: hints of a castle, with an Inquisition torture chamber in the basement. But we've liked the food less since the restaurant, in search of economic survival, has turned the space into a nightclub at certain witching hours, making subtle menu compromises to cater to club kids who'd rather down a fish taco than a fresh fish in cuitlacoche cream sauce.

So we both fell in love with the new bayside location, on the site of the old Bay Cafe (which we'll never miss) — same fine food as Candelas downtown, but what may be more of the original menu available at dinner, and in a blissful atmosphere that validates those dumb new SD tourism board ads touting "happy happens." If you're coming for anything but happy hour, you can eat on a dreamy glassed-in raised patio with



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a close-up water view. Driving time from my digs in Golden Hill was maybe five minutes longer (but with a lot prettier views en route) than to the Gaslamp; parking took easily ten minutes less, and, of course, it was free. Sometimes Coronado seems like Bali Hai, some far-distant "special island," but it's actually right at hand.

Happy hour at Candelas takes place in the bar only, but there are plenty of booths and tables if you're not fond of high barstools and cramped counter-eating. Sam and I chose a table with a clear view of the bay. The happy-hour bar menu consists of all the appetizers, soups, and salads from the dinner menu, plus a couple of standard Mexican lunch dishes, spicy Mayan-style pork *pibil* tacos, and a *botanas* sampler plate of varied *antojitos* (quesadillas, etc.) to share. We were tempted by the pork tacos but stuck to the *alta cocina* dishes.

Soon after you sit down, a busser offers the restaurant's unique version of bread and butter.

You have three choices of rolls: straight-up, dotted with sesame seeds and filled with soft creamy cheese (tastes more like mascarpone than Philly), or fortified with jalapeño and cumin. The fluffy, tan butter spread includes toasted ground hazelnuts, a hint of garlic, and a touch of anchovy.

Our first graze was an *estructura de aguacate*, a cone of cooked small shrimp and crab mingled with avocado slices, tossed with parsley, tomato, and onion. The dressing is a basil-mango vinaigrette (tasting of lime juice rather than vinegar). Although it's by no means a strict Baja *ceviche* (of cilantro, lime, raw seafood), the citric freshness and clarity of flavor reminded me of the great street-vendor *ceviche tostadas* I ate in Ensenada a few years ago.

Stuffed calamari is one of my favorites from the Gaslamp location. Most calamari in San Diego is served deep-fried, but the species offers more interesting uses, and stuffing the bodies is one of the best possibilities. The tender-cooked sheaths

## DINING REVIEW

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### Candelas on the Bay

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**PRICES:** Dinner appetizers, \$12–\$15; soups, \$8–\$15.50; salads, \$7.50–\$15; entrées, \$16.50–\$39 (most upper \$20s). Happy hours, 50 percent off appetizers, soups, salads, drinks. Early-bird (4:00–6:00 p.m.) discounted dinner. Breakfasts and lunches moderate.

**CUISINE AND BEVERAGES:** Creative, French-influenced Mexican haute cuisine. Solid wine list, including Baja and Chilean bottlings, lots by the glass, full bar with fun cocktails, including "Mexican" martini flavors.

**PICK HITS:** Happy-hour menu: Crema Fabiola (poblano cream soup), Calamares Candelas (stuffed calamari), Estructura de Aguacate (chilled shellfish and avocado), Ensalada de Nopalitos (cactus-pad salad). Dinner menu, same items, plus Langosta Baeza (stuffed lobster tail), Camarones Cabo de Puertas (tequila-flamed tamarind-streaked prawns over sashimi-grade raw ahi), Placer Poblano steak, "La Pesca" (fish du jour in cuitlacoche cream sauce).

**NEED TO KNOW:** "Star rating" refers to happy-hour menu only; dinner menu may rate differently, as entrées are more ambitious. Reservations recommended for prime-time weekends and all summer, especially for bay-view patio (request when reserving). Park at left end of the lots. Happy hours 4:00–6:00 p.m. daily, 10:00–midnight Thursday–Saturday, bar only (plentiful tables). Few Cal-Mex standards at dinner, more at breakfast and lunch. Adequate light choices for lacto-vegetarians; one great lacto-veg dinner entrée (eggplant).

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are filled (almost like Middle Eastern grape leaves) with a loose rice-tomato mixture, swathed in a velvety coral sauce of tomato and blue cheese, with a touch of *morita* chiles for a hint of spiciness.

Among the many soups, it was hard to choose between four-cheese soup with shrimp or poblano cream with a lobster-tail garnish. I've had the four-cheese downtown; it tastes like great mac 'n' cheese, hold the mac. (I love it, but it fills you up in three spoonfuls.) This time we went for the poblano cream, another winner. It was spicier than I'd anticipated: A lot of locally sold poblanos are actually the hotter pasilla chiles, which look similar but pack more wallop. The dark-jade broth was creamy and nearly soothing but seethed with banked fires. In the center was a very small Pacific lobster tail (slightly overcooked) propped up on a pillow resembling mashed potatoes but...not. The slightly glutinous, rough purée of (I'd guess) Yukon Golds was undercooked, and probably Cuisinarted. For me it vaguely evoked meals in South America; it's nobody's grandma's mash north of Juárez. It starts out as structural support to the lobster, but once you broach the mound, bits break off to enrich the soup with a starchy, near-grainy texture and homey taste, changing the soup even as you eat it. Given the artisanship of chef Baeza, I'm inclined to think it's a deliberate effect. Sam and I were bewitched by

the original soup/mash combo and then by the transformation as they blended.

Alcachofe Mestre, stuffed artichoke, is named for Alberto Mestre, the restaurant's owner, slyly indicating a signature dish. It's a de-choked, trimmed steamed thistle served cold with a stuffing of top-quality red ahi tuna and roasted bell peppers, topped with Parmesan and served atop a golden purée that turns out to be a sauce made of zucchini flowers. Very nice. But somehow it used to be better at the Gaslamp — oh, don't ask why.

Callos Jean features scallops, possibly the smaller of Baja's two species (the other is the huge, meaty "lion's paws," *manos de león*). Mild and dainty, the midsize scallops are lightly browned and tender, if a bit pallid in flavor. (Could they have been phosphate-packed for shipping?) They mingle with a haystack of sliced portobello mushrooms and onions in a light sauce of jalapeño, lime juice, and white wine. The mixture is good but doesn't quite relate to the delicate divas of the scallops. I think these bivalves want to strut around with a little bichon frise puppy poking its head out from a Fendi handbag — or a light cloak of beurre blanc, or some sort of Mexican designer-cream sauce wrapped around their shoulders.

The happy-hour menu abounds in salads, so we tried one. Ensalada Diabla offers beef slices, feta, spring greens, ji-

cama, and a palate-clearing tamarind vinaigrette that took my mouth back to Thailand — I'd like the beef cut thinner, into strips, so they're less assertive amid the gentle greenery. But my heart still belongs to the wonderful Ensalada de Nopalitos I've eaten downtown, with lush-textured strips of fresh nopal cactus pads, tomatoes, mozzarella, red and yellow peppers, and an oregano vinaigrette. But, hey, this restaurant has such a great array of salads — you want greens, just do your thing.

The happy-hour prices liberated me to play with silly cocktails to my heart's content, instead of trying to get serious with wines. The caipirinha is tasty but inauthentically oversweet — it should be made of bashed-up limes and lime juice, a sprinkle of sugar and cachaça, and Brazilian white rum, without the addition of simple syrup (sugar and water cooked to a syrup, like the stuff in canned fruit), which makes it too louche. (I think it started as a "folk drink." Cachaça was originally what my Trini friends call "bush rum," until the serious liquor manufacturers woke up and realized they had a potential cash cow as caipirinhas gained popularity.) The margarita is so strong on Cointreau, I had to squeeze in the lime wedge to combat its orangey depths and balance the sweetness. Bartender must have a sweet tooth. Sam tried a delicious Cetto Chenin Blanc from

Baja and an obscure, delicious Chilean Merlot, deep and pleasantly muddy, with the punch of a Cabernet.

Bottom line: Total indulgence for a huge happy-hour "review dinner" of grazes ran \$83 plus tip for two (with way too much of everything, including three rounds of drinks). If you're not reviewing or otherwise going crazy with self-indulgence, figure about \$28 a person for a great grazing dinner, plus tax and tip and extra for drinks. Of course, happy-hour grazes don't take you into the menu's more artful if costly depths — but try, taste, and decide whether you want to come back and spend more to explore further. All I can say is — "*¡Andale! ¡Ole!*" Yeah, happy happens here.

**Good News Note:** Talented but ever-restless pastry chef Jack Fisher has finally alighted again, back at La Jolla's 910 Restaurant, where he and executive chef Jason Knibb made a dream team a few years ago. (Hey, Jack, willya just stay put a while? Your fans want to know where to find you.) ■

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### BEACHES

**A.R. Valentien** 11480 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-777-6635. A superb choice for a splurge: Chef Jeff Jackson cooks up a daily changing menu of California cuisine emphasizing the natural flavors of peak, in-season produce and top-quality well-raised meats and wild seafood. Not only is the food delicious and quietly inventive, but it's relatively healthy, with less fat, salt, and "bad carbs" than at most restaurants. Note that all dishes on the "chef tasting" dinner are also available solo. The setting (a country inn on a golf course) is beautiful, the warren of dining rooms quiet and romantic unless packed. Validated valet parking, free self-parking; full bar

with steeply priced wines, moderate-priced cocktails. Reservations essential for weekend and holiday dinners. Open three meals daily. Very expensive. — N.W.

**The Cookie Lady Café and Bakery** 7596 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-1640. Pretend you're going to Tapenade, then veer off up Shingle Lane. You come to a sunny brick patio with mosaic tables, trees, plants, and a little Curiosity Shoppe-looking place. Ask for Joan, the Cookie Lady. Think Hermione Gingold ("There's no business like show..."). She's so bursting with life you'll almost forget to eat. Yes, this is soup-and-sandwich land, and good in both departments. A half-and-half turkey sandwich (and it's real turkey, roasted here each morning) and Italian wedding soup will overstuff you. Best of all: your total here is about what you'd pay for the tip next door. Open daily except Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Gringo's** 4474 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The *chile verde*, say, is beautifully seasoned, if barely *picante*. Given the surefire location at the hub of P.B. party town, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Three meals daily, brunch available Sunday. Moderate. — N.W.

**Harry's Coffee Shop** 7545 Girard Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brah-

mans, and gardeners — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch. The big ham steak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich Hot Creamy Oatmeal with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Breakfast and lunch daily. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Piatti Ristorante** 2182 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-454-1589. If this is a chain, then tie me up, tie me down! Piatti started in the Bay Area and retains that foodie ethos, giving chefs at the local branches freedom to produce splendid, classic Italian menus including multi-regional starters, interesting pastas, and thin-crust pizzas. The quality of ingredients and cooking is beyond suspicion. You are almost guaranteed a tasty meal. This is one of a few local eateries to offer sweetbreads to those who love them. Ravioli *al limone*, prosciutto-grilled romaine, and key lime-raspberry tart are among the favorites. Californian-Italian wine list, full bar. Plenty for vegetarians, plus some vegan dishes (varying seasonally). Reservations essential — beg for patio seating in good weather to avoid the indoor din. Lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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**Zenbu** 7660 Fay Avenue, Suite 1, La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt Rimel to open a sushi bar/fish house featuring sparkling-fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper-moderate to expensive. — N.W.

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**La Diferencia** Avenida Sanchez Taboada 10611-A, Tijuana, 664-634-3346. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baja wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Vegetarian upon request. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W.

**La Leña** Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 664-686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fummy, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabreria*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. Vegetarian upon request. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B.

**Señor Frog's** Via Oriente 60 C6, L4, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 664-682-4962. Normally this is a moderately priced eatery, but Tequila Tuesdays promise as much food and drink as you can handle for one cover charge (\$15, last time we checked in). Food includes a buffet with good fish tacos, *birria* (stew, usually beef), pork, *chicharron*, carne asada, ceviche, on and

on. House beers and Mexican liquors, including tequila, are in the deal, too. Refill your plate and glass as often as you want, truly. Only caution: if a sombrero-totin' *charro* comes up offering tequila shots from his bandolier, you'll pay. Free food and drink 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays only. Other days, inexpensive to moderate. — E.B.

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**Chipotle** 734 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688. 11 other locations in San Diego County. Hard to believe: This chain that McDonald's acquired cleaves firmly to the original vision of the chef who founded it: naturally raised tender meats in authentic marinades made on-premises. It's quality all the way, and way better than most local "Berto's" (which often use cheap meat marinated by their meat-jobbers). The fresh-grilled *carne asada* is splendid, the *carnitas* outstanding. And it's "have it your way" with a wealth of choices as to what you get — burritos, tacos, bowls, fajitas — and what goes into it. You can eat indoors or outside (or take-out), drink margaritas, beer, or soft drinks, and park for free (if a slot's open). Open 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Rock-bottom prices. — N.W.

**Chow Noodle House** 540 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-269-9209. If you want to taste your way through Asia and you're looking for economy fare, this could be your one-stop destination — with no reservations needed. Renowned Thai restaurateur Alex Thao (Celadon, Rama) set his sights lower, wider, and cheaper here, serving noodle dishes and rice bowls of China, Japan, Thailand, and Vietnam in cool, airy, black-and-white surroundings. It sure ain't Chinatown, Jake, but it's kind of fun and very filling. The best dishes (e.g., pot-stickers, tom yum soup) are equivalent to those at good restaurants specializing in these specific cuisines. But mostly they seem

"gringofied" to appeal to less-traveled American palates. Oddly, Thai dishes suffer most, from severe reductions in hot spice and heavy doses of sugar in many sauces, with few veggies to lighten their weight. (It's not Rama either, Jake.) Good desserts, smart wine and sake list. Inexpensive. Open daily, 11 to 11. — N.W.

**Dirty Del's** 499 Tenth Avenue, Downtown, 619-677-3789. The logo says "Sports, Beer, and Sandwiches," but this is no pick-up barn. Actually it's a cozy little neighborhood watering hole, rare in The Village. You're looking at half a dozen tables and half a dozen sports screens. It's also close to the ballpark, good for before- or after-the-game meeps. Two most popular items: the Diego sandwich (turkey, bacon, avocado, cheese, veggies) and the Del Trio (*capicola*, mortadella, salami, cheese, veggies). Others include the El Scorch (roast beef, nacho cheese, jalepeño, and veggies on a baguette) and the Old Geezer (a BLT plus avocado). Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**East Village Tavern and Bowl** 930 Market Street, Downtown, 619-677-2695. "Tavern" says it all. This is a big, rowdy but not brawly, street-open, multiscreen sports bar. Half drink, half food, half bowling alley. East Villagers are making it their local because the kitchen's open late, plus, on a date, rolling those balls helps break the ice. The food's surprisingly good. List topper: steak sliders. Imagine three New York strip steaklets, caramelized onions, and melting Gorgonzola tucked into a Hawaiian sweet bun. A perfect strike. Then there's the pretty good Don't Mess With Texas burger, a *Panino Cubano*, and even chicken wings brined in salt, water, and herbs that have their own taste. Open daily 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.; weekends, breakfast from 9 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B.

**Edgewater Grill** 861 West Harbor Drive, Downtown, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily finfish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to graze on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high-moderate to very expensive. — N.W.

**Farm House Café** 2121 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-269-9662.

At this charming, cozy spot in a near-rural corner of the central city, chef-owner Olivier Bioteau serves rustic but sophisticated farm-fresh French cuisine. His cooking is light, precise, refined, drawing the best from fine local and seasonal ingredients combined with an authentic Gallic sensibility. The dinner menu changes often, but nearly every dish is terrific, including exquisite house-made soups and charcuterie. Save room for dessert — especially the chef's own avant-garde chocolates. On a warm weekend, brunch on the shaded front patio is heavenly: The fluffy ricotta pancakes with orange butter nearly lift off the plate, the *pain perdu* is truly *French* toast, omelets and baked eggs are stellar, and the sausages (which can come on the side or with the lightest, healthiest, Conceptual Art version of biscuits and gravy) are scrumptious uncured Bruce Aidells' chicken-apple links. No kiddie menu, but plenty of kid-friendly dishes. Small dining room, reservations urged for any meal. Dinner moderate, brunch inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Fat City Steakhouse** 2137 Pacific Highway, Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, two vegan pastas, or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub grub, but the fry cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner daily 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W.

**Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant** 2391 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad, with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami, will get your juices flowing. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B.

**Khyber Pass** 523 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *auslak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamoradd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W.

**Lotus Thai — Hillcrest** 3761 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-299-8272. This restaurant has taken a giant step up from standard Thai eateries. Most of the menu consists of the usual dishes, but each branch also offers a selection of chef's specialties. Some of these are more authentic; others are more creative than the norm. The chefs are from northern Thailand, and something in their cooking hints of their region — a certain zestiness, a love of strong citrus and fresh herbs that speaks of the Ping River and the hills of Chiang Mai. Well-chosen, affordable wine list, Asian and American beers, and cocktails based on *soju* (Asian lower-proof rice liquor), including a yummy rambutan cosmo. Noisy when crowded. Reservations recommended for Hillcrest on weekends.



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**Marie's Café** 3016 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-0142. One of the last old-time diners in town. Marie and son Erik took over in 2002. It had already been operating for 50 years as Johnny's. They kept the tradition but created a sparkling kitchen and a reputation for generous servings. Try the three-egger breakfast omelet with Italian sausage, avocado, and olives. If Erik's smokin' up some ribs (you'll smell them half a block away), grab them. And forget fries. Go for the "side" salad, a huge dish of romaine, with tomatoes, red onions, cheese, croutons, and bleu cheese dressing. Go ahead. Mess yourself up. Open 24 hours Wednesday through Saturday; from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sunday and Monday; till 8 p.m. Tuesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Mediterranean Café and Lounge** 1352 Fifth Avenue, Downtown, 619-

515-2233. Don't come early. You'll be all alone. Turn up around midnight, and you'll see just how social the Lebanese can be. Meals are spread over a couple of hours with lots of conversation, probably finishing with a baklava, Turkish coffee, and a *sheesha* — water pipe (much cheaper by the hour here than down in the Gaslamp; best flavor: rose). They have the whole panoply of Middle Eastern and Greek food, but the best deals are probably the single lamb skewer on a roll of pita bread with hummus, tomato, lettuce, and pickles, or the meat pie on pita. Open 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 5:30 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.*

**Pampas Argentine Grill** 8690 Aero Drive, Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine specialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic

organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays. Dinner nightly. Entertainment (harp) Friday through Sunday. Closed Monday. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Pete's Quality Meats** 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and bread crumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Rama** 327 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork — a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Red Pearl Kitchen** 440 J Street, Downtown, 619-231-1100. An anthology of favorite Asian dishes creatively interpreted for American palates, with touches of fusion and some original dishes. Plenty of appetizers, but main dishes tend to be tastier, including a delicious Cambodian-influenced short rib and pumpkin hot pot — when it's in season. Great veggie side dishes. Sophisticated international wine list priced on the high side (few under \$30); short on choices by the glass. Full bar. Surroundings are chic. Reservations advised. Sound level painfully loud most nights. Open daily, dinner. High moderate. — *N.W.*

**Rei Do Gado Churrascuria** 939 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread includes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish—slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a caipirinha). No doggie



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bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount). — *N.W.*

**Los Reyes** 2496 Broadway, Golden Hill, 619-231-0716. Smaller branch at 47th and Market. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vuelva a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas*—pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. 33 Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Sunrise Super Buffet** 3860 Convoy Street #121, Kearny Mesa, 858-715-1608. "Oysters are here!" It's what everyone here waits for. Apart from the usual array of meats, fish, shellfish, and novelties like stuffed mushrooms, stuffed clams, dragon rolls (cucumber, avocado, asparagus), and *mochi* (sticky rice cake), these plates of raw oysters in their big shells are one of the big draws. This buffet restaurant is smaller than many, but it still looks like a mega-Mc-

Donald's eating barn inside, except for a sky-blue-lit ceiling recess *heaven*. Like McDonald's, it attracts lots of families, maybe because it's not just all-you-can-eat, but all-you-can-drink, too — included in the price. Lunch and dinner daily. Sunday all-day lobster buffet. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Terra** 3900 Vermont Street, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious Southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (pisco sours, caipirinhas, etc.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Saturday and Sunday three meals, weekdays lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Turf Supper Club** 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, reestablished in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cookout, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Weekdays dinner only; open until 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W.*

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## What the Chef Eats

### AUSTRALIAN YELLOWTAIL KINGFISH SASHIMI WITH WATERMELON "MARGARITA"

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE

Consulting Chef, Suite & Tender

The thing about food that people don't realize is that we're all involved with it — either consciously or subconsciously because you have to survive. I decided, why not make it an art form and go a little crazy? Why not have fun with it? Insofar as where I am today, cooking is a matter of pride. Of creativity.

Basically, the way I got into it was a love of cooking. I had the bug when I was little and worked in kitchens all through my teenage years. Another reason I got into cooking was that my mom was a pretty bad cook and we kids had to fend for ourselves. One summer I

worked for a catering company and a chef took me under his wing. He told me to go to culinary school, and I fell in love with the profession.

What I eat depends on the time of year. Spring, summer, and fall I grill out a lot and try to serve fresh salads. In the winter, my wife and I go out to friends' homes or restaurants. I do a lot of high-end dining, but what I do isn't necessarily what I want to eat. In the winter I like a lot of fresh pastas or comfort foods.

I don't really like supermarkets, so I try to incorporate farm-fresh foods into my menus. I also am trying to limit

gluttony, a trend started about 20 years ago that more is better. But I don't agree with that. I downsize portions because it's healthier. If people complain, I would ask, "Why would you want a 12-ounce steak? Why would you do that to your body?" I'd like to challenge people about that. I want people to leave my restaurant after an entrée and a dessert and still feel great about themselves, not stuffed.

I am happy as a restaurateur. I'll call myself successful when I am both a restaurateur and an educator. I want to help the younger generation and give them a stage. I want to



eliminate the failure factor for them and help them walk through a door as a powerful entity.

As chefs, we're part of an industry that changes lives. Maybe not on a critical or health level, but we can change someone's day. We can make people happy.

## INGREDIENTS

Serves 4

### SASHIMI

1 pound boneless fillet of Australian yellowtail kingfish (substitute with tuna or hamachi)

Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate Hotel and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. Among the menu items offered, the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## NORTH INLAND

**El Bizcocho** 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-675-8550. The deluxe restaurant in this rural golf-and-tennis hideaway features upscale, creative French-California cui-

sine, incorporating old-is-new techniques and imaginative combinations of seasonal ingredients. The weighty wine tome starts out expensive and goes up from there, with relative bargains at the high end and some half-bottles; by-the-glass choices are just adequate. To find it: Take Bernardo Oaks Drive (a long block west of Pomerado) north to the end of the road to the RBI parking lot (with validated parking for restaurant goers). If disabled, specify when you reserve, and they'll set up your table in an accessible area. Otherwise there's a maze of short staircases to negotiate en route to the restaurant. Tie-and-jacket requirement now relaxed, but still very dressy. Great service, luxury-resort ambience. Dinner nightly, except Monday; Sunday brunch. Very expensive. — *N.W.*

**Cabana Cove** 777 Harrah's Way, Valley Center, 877-777-2457. This fun eatery brings Pacific Beach to Valley Center with its cheerful (make that gorgeous) surfer decor and a menu of classy surfer grub. With glass walls looking out on the mountains and on

two curvy swimming pools, this is the only restaurant in the casino to offer views of the outer world. The eclectic menu, from surfing spots around the world, includes wonderful, smoky pork as both a taco and an entrée, plus pristine seafood choices. Full bar, creative cocktails. Breakfast Monday through Friday; lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W.*

**Firefly** 251 North El Camino Real, Suite B, Encinitas, 760-635-1066. At this spacious wine bar and restaurant (sharing a small mall with well-known Savory), the wine list emphasizes California boutique wineries and lesser-known bottlings from around the world, and plentiful choices by the glass make it easy to experiment with unfamiliar wines. The menu starts with a half-dozen wine-bar snacks including a cheese plate and a charcuterie plate. The most popular lunch item is a grand Cobb salad, and at dinner there's a tasty bourbon-and-mustard-brined pork tenderloin. Desserts are a strong suit here, including a creative crème brûlée featuring white chocolate

and the fragrant bergamot of Earl Grey tea. For weekend brunches, Firefly does it up big with a long, seductive array of choices, including a delicious Dungeness crab Benedict. The menu changes frequently, but this likeable spot feels like a sophisticated neighborhood restaurant where, if you're old enough to enjoy a taste of the grape, you can pretty much come as you are. Open for lunch Monday through Friday, brunch weekends, dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.*

**Fish House Vera Cruz** 360 Via Vera Cruz, San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different fresh fish selections were available as daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish are grilled plain, with nothing added but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of side dishes, two for lunch and three for

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SAN DIEGO

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2229 Micro Place  
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ESCONDIDO

## Free item

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8861 Villa La Jolla Dr. • 858.455.1461  
2638 Del Mar Heights Rd. • 858.259.4880

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LA JOLLA/DEL MAR

## Free sushi roll

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4111 Voltaire Street  
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Coupon code: G1FSDR



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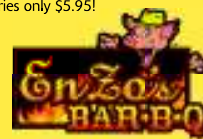
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pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (till 5 p.m. in summer). Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

### SOUTH BAY

**Clayton's Coffee Shop** 979 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5425. This diner, one of the longest-running in San Diego, has really hit the refresh button with a new owner. The decor is still straight out of the 1940s, but brighter. The place is always filled with locals in the morning. The food is all

American: steak and eggs, veggie omelets, old-fashioned waffles, hot and cold sandwiches. Dinner specials include pork chops with dressing, gravy, and applesauce; homemade meat loaf with gravy; baby beef liver, and beer-battered fish-and-chips. Current owner Mary's homemade apple pies are a major hit. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Coronado Boathouse 1887** 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer and fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk are wonderful. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth")

and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days. — *N.W.*

**Filipino Desserts Plus** 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. *Dinuguan*, a Filipino specialty, is pork made with "chocolate milk," slang for pig's blood. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. — *E.B.*

**Jimmy's — Chula Vista** 1198 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-427-7161. Thank goodness for this family-friendly

restaurant with good, old-fashioned, American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touch-down" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and french fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill** 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Open daily, standard pub hours. (Breakfast Sunday during football season.) Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.*

**Peeohe's** 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor,

much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Lunch (with limited breakfast) Monday through Saturday; brunch Sunday. Dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.*

### EAST COUNTY

**Barnes Bar-B-Que** 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth-watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open Monday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

**Ciao Bella Caffè Bar e Ristorante** 5263 Baltimore Drive, La Mesa, 619-337-0238. Aging La Mesa goes to bed at eight, but that's when the Argentinean Tango Masters come out and expect to eat, "way into the small hours." Ciao Bella's one of the city's go-to places for hungry dancers, which might explain why the food is so good. To look at this place, behind the Shell gas station, you might think "ordinary Italian restaurant." Who could guess the passions within? If you don't dance or sing, at least you can eat, and eat well. Try the antipasti like the Pizzetta Rustica, a marvelous mini-pizza with black-olive pâté and Gorgonzola. Or the *zuppa del sole* (clam soup). Great house dishes include Penne Ciao Bella (salmon, shrimp, and spinach in a light creamy sauce), Cartoccio (baked spaghetti with mushrooms, shrimp, clams, salmon in garlic white sauce), and San Remo pizza (tomato sauce, cheese, steamed asparagus, and sunny-side-up eggs). 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Moderate. — *E.B.*

**Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits — El Cajon** 110 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, 619-441-3355. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The étouffée (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo, offered at some locations, is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W.*

**Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ** 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.*

## User Reviews — RESTAURANTS

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### Fairouz Café and Gallery, Sports Arena

We weren't trying to drive away vampires, but we surely would have, if there had been any of the bloodsuckers flying around Midway Drive yesterday. My friend and I lunched at Fairouz Café and Gallery and consumed some of the most enjoyable, garlicky offerings ever presented in one place. Some of the most appreciated items were the garlic-marinated cabbage, served chilled, which I went back for at least three times, and the crisp-tender sliced carrots dressed with garlic and parsley. We practically swooned over Fairouz's intense garlic dip. We tried to guess what was in the dip, besides lots of garlic. It was white in color and had a super creamy consistency. It didn't seem to be made of dairy or mayonnaise, so we finally asked the waitress, who explained that the base was made from potato, presumably baked or boiled. We wanted to fill up our soup bowls with this dip, but we constrained ourselves to several large dollops that we spread onto pita triangles. Fairouz Café has one of the best and most varied lunch buffets in town and it's a bargain at only \$8.99. All of the selections are either Greek or Lebanese, and most of the items are vegetarian or vegan, but they do have a few chicken and lamb preparations to satisfy the omnivores among us. My omnivore described the saffron chicken as the best chicken she's ever tasted, and it smelled wonderful. I counted no less than 13 cold vegetarian items and 10 hot vegetarian entrees and vegetables. Which is a lot more than you can shake a stick at! Some of the outstanding dishes were shak shuka, a tangy tomato and egg dish that reminded me of huevos rancheros served in Mexican restaurants, and broccoli and egg oujah, which appeared to be a cross between quiche and a frittata. Cold lentil salad spiced with sweet mustard was a treat, too, and I was very pleased to experience hummus that was neither dry nor grainy like some of the store-bought products tend to be, with just the right amount of tahini to give it its slightly bitter twinge. At Fairouz Café, be prepared to tickle your palate and cleanse your colon. This food is good and it's good for you!

By **Mango** 6:19 p.m., Apr. 28

### Frankie the Bull's BBQ, San Diego

Saw one of Frankie's ads, so passing by, caught the sign and stopped for lunches to go. Chose barbecue chicken sandwiches and came away happy campers. A sign on the wall reads "no teeth needed." The meat was cooked-up nice and tender. The roll was way overfilled and perfectly topped with onion rings. The orders came with seasoned fries plus a unique, really good coleslaw. Everything was generous enough for two meals, plus a little for the doggie to have a taste, too. Spoke with one of the very friendly owners, native San Diego Italians – the kind that know and care about excellent food. They offer cozy inside dining and an outside patio. The menu is packed with plenty of choices that include an ultimate "wall of fame" trough. There are almost a dozen national and local brews on tap. Completing the experience are full rolls of paper towels for wiping-up at each table. And, oh yeah, Jack Sparrow ate here!

By **mngcornaglia** 4:41 p.m., Apr. 29

### Rockin' Baja Lobster, downtown

I enjoy going to Rockin' Baja before Padres games, so I am mainly reviewing happy hour. I've been there a few times now and always (with or without a friend) found a seat at the bar. When the weather is really nice, I like sitting outside. That way I can people watch as well as have few brews before the game. They don't brew their own brews but they do have about seven beers on tap and a big selection of bottled beers, as well as a full bar. My friend always gets a Long Island; I just get beer. The bartenders/waitstaff are really nice and they know their menu well. I like to get the \$2 tacos that they offer outside. You get three choices: beef, carnitas, and chicken. The music isn't too loud, the crowd is mixed, and the prices are cheap. I'll be there next weekend when the Pads' are back in town. See you there.

By **sd4life** 9:08 p.m., Apr. 29

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# Lightning in Chaos

*Woyzeck is the lab rat of an urges-first, animalistic society.*

In the sleek, two-story lobby of the Potiker Theater, a soldier saluted, quarter-turned to the east, shoveled imaginary dirt, quarter-turned to the south, peeled imaginary potatoes, turned west, lifted imaginary weights, turned back to where he started, and saluted again. And again.

The soldier made his counter-clockwise rounds in a glass booth. A black, elbow-length rubber glove protruded inside the glass. Like scientists studying viral behavior, spectators could reach their right hand into the glove and touch the soldier, free from infection. One tried to break his concentration. Another stroked him on the back, wanting to disrupt his routine with brief, humane contact.

Didn't happen. The soldier continued his robotic rota as if this were all he knew.

In Gabor Tompa's spectacular production, which had a too-brief run at UCSD last week, the soldier was Franz Woyzeck. By the time we entered the theater, ordered to our seats by a pack of rag-tag soldiers, we were already deep into Georg Buchner's fragmentary drama (1837) — possibly the first in theatrical history to have a nobody as its protagonist.

Woyzeck is the lab rat of an animalistic, urges-

first society. Unlike those around him, who kill their free time by blacking out, he sees accurately. If he could articulate his observations, he'd be a visionary. But he speaks only verbal pulses. Some of these make enough sense to threaten the sta-

tus quo, as when he tells his sadistic captain that the poor are, at best, stagehands in this world and the next: "If we ever got to heaven, we'd have to help out with the thunder."

As Woyzeck watches his beloved Marie dancing with the Drum Major, he blurts, "Why doesn't God blow out the sun, so that everything can roll around in lust." Most of his insights flash like summer lightning, too fast for those around him — sedated to the hilt — to grasp. The higher ups (just as oppressed as everyone else and just as unable to see it) perform bizarre experiments on the lowly soldier to turn his visions into innocuous delusions. For three months, he eats nothing but dried peas.

They've already made the Fool an object lesson. He's an example of how art improves people: they put him in a straitjacket.

Aided by scenic designer Kristin Ellert's spare, institutional look — concrete walls with round vent fans — the director flirted, almost danger-

## THEATER REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Woyzeck

**Woyzeck**, by Georg Buchner

UCSD Theatre and Dance, Potiker Theatre, UCSD

**Directed by Gabor Tompa;** cast: Daniel Rubiano, Matthew Bovee, Claire Kaplan, Josh Adams, Spencer Howard, Daniel K. Isaac, Michael Kelly, Justin O'Neill, Brett Rader; scenic design, Kristin Ellert; costumes, Jaymee Ngermwichit; lighting, Sarah Kranz; composition/sound designer, Toby Jaguar Algya

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ously, with repeated actions. Woyzeck's is a world of near-absolute mindlessness. So, for example, Tompa had Woyzeck carry a bucket of water across the stage and pour it into his friend's bucket. Then the friend, Andres, carried his bucket to Woyzeck's and poured the water back. They continued way past the point where the point's been made. Like Beckett, Tompa didn't just present an image of monotony, he ingrained it in the audience.

At another point, underscored by a Bach chorale, soldiers wind-sprinted from the dark rear wall forward into the light, stopped, and ran back so many times you wanted to shout, "All right, already!" Somewhere during this process, the sounds of the boots on the plank-wood floor began to feel rhythmic. The activity had an order, like a bass-line for the Bach, and the monotony became a choreographed, Woyzeckian produc-

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tion number — art in a strait-jacket: ungainly soldiers scamper-dancing to music, into the light and back.

No one knows the actual sequence of Buchner's 12 scenes. Except for one or two, you could shuffle them like cards because he was more concerned with a condition — endemic oppression — than its causes. In Tompa's version, almost every scene had an undertow: the visual, often brutal, clashed with music, often beautiful, even majestic. Activity on the hardwood added to the soundscape. When an actor kicked a pile of dry peas, they scuttled

across the floor in a sunburst of green but clattered like a cornered rattlesnake.

As *Woyzeck*, tall Daniel Rubiano had a little boy's voice — not cute or deliberately endearing, but full of out-loud wonderment why others couldn't see the obvious (in this world, clear-sightedness is the most radical act of all). Somehow he missed the indoctrination sessions, where the poor learned to regard injustice as proper reckoning. In the end, *Woyzeck* pays for his truancy.

Overall, the production showed us how *Woyzeck* sees and hears: shards of clarity amid jumble, falsehood beneath the veneer, nuance amid repetition. Unlike most stagings of

*Woyzeck*, which foreground the protagonist, Tompa gave the populace full voice. They marched, lusted, slid down firepoles, and created such a dumbed-down, follow-the-leader world they formed a collective monster. ■

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### Anon(ymous)

USD Theatre presents Naomi Iizuka's drama about a young refugee named Anon. In an adapta-

tion of Homer's *Odyssey*, Anon navigates "the chaotic landscape of the United States." UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, 5998 ALCALÁ PARK, USD. 619-260-4600. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M.

### Charley's Aunt

Grossmont College concludes its season with Brandon Thomas's durable farce about Charley, his wealthy aunt from Brazil, his girlfriend, and his school chum who disguises himself as said-same aunt. Henry J. Jordan directed. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DRIVE, EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THURSDAYS, 7:30 P.M. FRIDAYS, 7:30 P.M. SATURDAYS, 2 P.M. SATURDAYS, 7:30 P.M. THROUGH MAY 16.

### Claire Voyant

Avo Playhouse hosts a new play by Steven Oberman about a clairvoyant struggling with her abilities in San Francisco, 1975, and caught between psychic identical twins, one super evil, the other the opposite. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA. 760-724-2110. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 17.

### The Cripple of Inishmaan

Billy Claven, the title character in Martin McDonagh's remarkable drama, resembles John "the Elephant Man" Merrick. Both live below the bottom line in a cruel, blinkered world that treats each like a living mistake. So when Robert Flaherty, an American movie director, comes to the rocky island off the Irish coast to film *Man From Aran*, who does he take

to Hollywood? Billy. In the play, information and disinformation, comedy and tragedy, dance a bitter-sweet jig. The only thing people repress: the truth, most often to torment their neighbors. Ion Theatre had a competent opening night, but it lacked fire and was a few rehearsals or shots of Jameson's away from lively eccentricities. Wearing Jennifer Braun Gitting's textured brown costumes, Jason Connors and Walter Ritter anchor the cast as Billy, who courageously makes a "try for something," and the garrulous Johnnypateenmike, for whom the truth must never intrude on a good story. 619-544-1000. **Worth a try.** LYCEUM THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 10.

### The Little Dog Laughed

Diversions Theatre stages Douglas Carter Beane's "contemporary comedy" about the scandalous world of Hollywood celebrities, including a movie star locked in the glass closet. Robert Barry Fleming directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-220-0097. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 31.

### Mary and Myra

League of Women Voters, and other organizations, present a staged reading of Catherine Filloux's drama about the relationship between Mary Todd Lincoln and Myra Bradwell (the latter, the first woman attorney in the U.S.), who

tries to free Mary from an insane asylum. 619-223-8074. CYGNET THEATRE — OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN. TUESDAY, 7 P.M.

### Mauritius

Passive Jackie needs a few shekels, so she brings her ancestral stamp collection to an appraiser. Two stamps, just "tiny pieces of paper," turn out to be the "crown jewel of philately" worth, in Theresa Rebeck's talky thriller, lying, cheating, and conniving for. Jackie runs a gauntlet through many a practiced tactician, but so, it turns out, is she. Jessica John heads a game Cygnet Theatre cast as Jackie, the lamb that John expertly converts into a lion. John DeCarlo's compulsive-talking Dennis, Sandy Campbell's upscale, backstabbing Mary, and Jack Missett's sleazy Philip contribute. Skinheaded Manny Fernandes (who's getting scary good in these roles) ladles essentially comic scenes with a palpable menace as Sterling, dapper-dressed thug (and stamp fetishist extraordinaire). George Ye's fight choreography, some of the best around here in many a moon, turns Sean Fanning's inventive, two-way set into a danger zone, especially when Sterling doesn't have his way. **Worth a try.** CYGNET THEATRE — ROLANDO, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, SUITE N, COLLEGE AREA. 619-337-1525. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. SUNDAYS, 7 P.M. THROUGH MAY 10.

### Psychopathia Sexualis

Compass Theatre stages John Patrick Shanley's comedy about an obscure artist with a fetish for his father's argyle socks and an upcoming marriage for which the socks, now missing, will play a crucial role. Mark Stephan directs. COMPASS THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST. 619-688-9210. THURSDAYS, 8 P.M. FRIDAYS, 8 P.M. SATURDAYS, 8 P.M. SUNDAYS, 2 P.M. THROUGH MAY 24.

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# Onward and Backward

*The reintroduction of the old familiar characters can't help but be fun for initiates.*

And so begins the summer of '09: prequel, prequel. The first of these, opening Friday last, is *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, entrusted to director Gavin Hood of little *Tsotsi* from South Africa. (How much say does a director have, anyway, in fireballs, motorcycle stunts, computer composites, and the like?) It seeks to answer all your questions, assuming you had any, as regards where and when and why the titular superhero got his switchblade knuckles, his leather bolero jacket, his pent-up rage, his blank memory, among other esoterica. Starting back in 1854 (heavy sigh), two mutant brothers, aging up to forty and no further, fight side by side through the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Vietnam War — “That’s enough!” — and thereafter fight head to head for a run-of-the-mill revenge motive, a slaughtered

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girlfriend. In the build-up to the main event, the already immortal avenger (Hugh Jackman, oiled, watered, under-shirted, shirtless, briefly pantless) is made indestructible for military use — a metalized skeleton — and then targeted for destruction when he refuses to be used. The end, by which is meant the coda after the full scroll of credits, reminds us that if there’s still a megabuck to be made, there’s no end. The style of the film, far from suited to a simple prelude, might be described as apocalyptic hyperbole. It could make you tired in itself, or suicidal at the thought of forthcoming backstories for the rest of the X-Men and -Women.

The next prequel, opening Friday this, is *Star Trek*, the title of which exhibits extreme cheek, extreme lack of imagination, or extreme amnesia, being the eleventh entry in a series that began in



Star Trek

1979 with a film titled *Star Trek*. (Don’t give me any colon *The Movie*.) Once over that, I found this prequel more enjoyable than the other, no doubt in part because I’ve found more enjoyment in the *Star Trek* series than in the *X-Men*. Certainly the former series had undergone enough degradation, through depleted story ideas, expanded waistlines, eyelifts, spinoffs, and what-

not, to soothe any fears of sacrilege. Let come what may. The chaotic and incoherent prologue might somewhat smother the emotional punch of the birth of James Tiberius Kirk at the same moment as his father’s death, but the reintroduction of the old familiar characters — the assembly of the changeless crew for the maiden voyage of the U.S.S. Enterprise, with Scotty

a late arrival in mid-flight — can’t help but be fun for initiates. Chris Pine’s Kirk, sounding as though modelled on no weightier a prototype than Christian Slater, starts out an obnoxious punk and for my taste fails to advance very far beyond that. Zachary Quinto’s Spock, on the other hand, has some big ears to fill and fills them fully, achieving that elusive goal of undemon-



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strative intensity. Karl Urban's snappish Bones ("Are you out of your Vulcan mind?") is so close in face and voice to the original as to pass for an impersonation, while Anton Yelchin's Chekov, having delightful trouble articulating his vees, has his own special charm. Sulu and Uhura, in the persons of John Cho and Zoe Saldana, are rather more physical than their predecessors, or anyway more than in my memory of them. And Simon Pegg in the role of Scotty is more an outright comedian than merely comical.

If it's fair to say that the film, rather than stand on its own, benefits from the groundwork of its forerunners — if it safely and securely goes where others have gone before — it would also be fair to object that the speedy evolution of special effects since the last *Star Trek* outing, seven years ago, serves to render the "ensuing" adventures anticlimactic. Topping what came before (a petty enough creative impulse in the first place) is in effect topping what came "after." That may not constitute disrespect, but it constitutes disproportion. All of this amped-up sound and fury could be objected to, as well, without any point of comparison. Director J.J. Abrams's preference for the rambling Steadicam and the trem-

bling closeup reveals him further to be a man of trend as opposed to a man of tradition. With its gigantic hands-of-Freddy-Krueger enemy spaceship, its Mad Max-y tattooed heathens, and its gratuitous CG monsters, the film is, by the standards of the franchise, skimpy on ideas, apart from a bit of time-travel abracadabra that enables Spock to be two places and two ages at once. Which is to say, enables Leonard Nimoy to play a part.

Out on the fringes: *Love n' Dancing*, most reasonably a contraction for *Love Not Dancing*, is a telegraphed musical romance clean enough and sweatless enough for the Lifetime Channel. Maybe also the Hallmark Channel. A slim, pretty, blond schoolteacher, saddled with a preoccupied, stocky, bald fiancé, finds a new love and a true lover when a hearing-impaired swing dancer visits the school for a motivational speech. Amy Smart looks as if she could have gone far on a season of *Dancing with the Stars*, but she hardly looks ready after a few weeks' practice to contend for the national championship in West Coast Swing. (Not the pro-am division, the all-pro.) Neither does her smooth but almost slow-motion partner, Tom Malloy, although the actor's bio claims he's a competitive ballroom dancer. The actor, in any event, is additionally the scriptwriter, so if he says they're in the running, well, then, they're in the running. The

director, Robert Iscove, is not sufficiently clever to cover for them.

*Enlighten Up!*, a breezy informal documentary by Kate Churchill, sets up a completely artificial situation to document. The filmmaker, a seven-year yoga practitioner, or in other words a bare tyro, wants to test the transformative powers of the practice, picks as a guinea pig a photogenic newbie of the opposite sex (a self-described "godless guy from New York City"), and lays out for him a round-the-globe smorgasbord of yoga disciplines: a healthier sort of *Super Size Me*. The gathered evidence, we can see right off the bat, is going to be not just anecdotal, but a single, extended, meaningless anecdote. Constantly checking to see whether a transformation is taking place ("I don't expect any earth-shattering changes," predicts the skeptical subject) scarcely seems conducive to transformation. And no seeker is likely to find out how far he can progress on a path when he keeps jumping to a new path after every few paces. What Churchill ends up documenting more than anything else is modern American restlessness, her own included. Nevertheless, we vicariously encounter a number of gurus, some of whom are surely the real deal and others of whom are surely not. To watch our complacent hardhead make the rounds is to feel a pang for the wasted opportunity and in particular for any envious spectator who would have cut off a toe to be in his shoes.

*Tyson*, with a nudge in the press notes toward Greek tragedy, recounts the rise and fall of Iron Mike in his own words: Brooklyn, Cus D'Amato, the heavyweight belt at twenty, Robin Givens, Buster Douglas, Desiree Washington ("that wretched swine of a woman") and the three-year prison

term for rape, the tattoos of Che and Mao, the Muslims, Don King ("a wretched slimy reptilian motherfucker"), Evander Holyfield and his bitten ear, etc. Director James Toback, who had known Tyson for over twenty years and had used him previously in *Black and White*, gets him to talk and talk, a virtual monologue with no audible questions, amounting to a talking-head movie tricked up with split screens and switched camera angles (a clumsy stab at multifacetedness) and of course archive footage and photos. A supplement to, rather than a replacement for, Barbara Kopple's *Fallen Champ* (which went only as far as the imprisonment, already a ways into mid-fall), it has plenty of psychological if not cinematic interest, never more so than when the lisping warrior's throat closes up and throttles his words, and it could well win some unforeseen compassion for him, even if we still wouldn't want to remove the barrier of the movie screen.

*Lemon Tree*, the best film in sight, narrows down the Middle East conflict to the arena of a half-century-old lemon grove that a Palestinian widow has inherited from her father and that borders the new residence of the Israeli Defense Minister. The fruit was there first, and the minister moved in next door, and the Secret Service sees in the dense foliage "a real and imminent threat" and orders the grove to be expropriated and uprooted. Compensation will generously be provided. The Palestinian, guarded but uncowed, doesn't want compensation; she wants her trees, and enlists a lawyer — a divorce specialist, divorced himself, immediately and imprudently smitten with his older client — to fight the order all the way to the Supreme Court. An international incident percolates.

The small, and more importantly the nonviolent, scale of action allows for detachment as well as drollery. No one on either side is made ridiculous, which no doubt holds down the humor but not the absurdity. (See, for instance, the early-morning wonder of a watchtower hovering in the air above the grove and dropping into place by crane.) The women especially, quite to the contrary, are made warmly human, with the minister's caged wife forming a distant bond with her trod-upon neighbor. While the film is Israeli in origin (writer-director Eran Riklis in specific), it bends over backwards to be fair and balanced, not in the sense of Fox News but in the sense of *Webster*'s. It perhaps bends so far as to lose its balance. The sympathy, seemingly by its own gyroscope, tilts a little toward the Palestinian, if for no other reason than that she's played by Hiam Abbass, whom you might remember as the mother of the detained drummer in last year's *The Visitor*. I didn't so much recognize her face as recognize her demeanor, her aura, her dignity. ■

## MOVIE LISTINGS

All reviews are by Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews sorted alphabetically, by year of release and by rating, are available online at [SanDiegoReader.com](http://SanDiegoReader.com).

**Adventureland** — Coming-of-age comedy with airs. Jesse Eisenberg for all intents and purposes plays an extension of his pre-tentious youth in *The Squid and the Whale*, a virginal egghead ("I read poetry for pleasure sometimes") obliged to take a minimum-wage summer job at a Pittsburgh amusement park while awaiting admission to the Columbia School of Journalism. He's still credible in the part if a little less fresh. Martin Starr, in a supporting role as a co-worker and fellow egghead who gives the gift of Gogol after a first date, is no less credible and a little more fresh. And as the protagonist's idealized dream girl with a dark secret, Kristen Stewart, seen with greater regularity on screen, is a lot less fresh if also still credible. Mixed in with the superior airs are steady doses of toilet humor for the multiplex groundlings, plus a sizable population of cardboard adults. With Ryan Reynolds, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, and Margarita Levieva; written and directed by Greg Mottola. 2009. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Anvil: The Story of Anvil** — Sacha Gervasi's wily documentary on an obscure Canadian metal band, still sticking together and struggling for acceptance twenty years past their stumpy peak. It would no doubt have brought to mind Rob Reiner's rock mockumentary, *This Is Spinal Tap*, even had the drummer in Anvil not been named Robb Reiner, and even had the band not paid a reverential visit to Stonehenge. Though the laughs here may be fewer and smaller, the poignance is unmatched: "Family's important shit, man," gushes the lead singer, "Lips" Kudlow, when his big sister ponies up the financing for a new album. 2009.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/8; KEN, THROUGH 5/7)

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Kenneth Turan, LOS ANGELES TIMES

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David Elliot, SAN DIEGO NEWS NETWORK

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**Battle for Terra** — Disenfranchised earthlings invade a distant planet in clayey 3-D animation. Stirring music and excellent space-travel effects at the start, and a well-imagined other world, and an anti-war, anti-imperialist (i.e., anti-Earth) campaign that offers no easy solution, only a naive one. With the voices of Evan Rachel Wood, Luke Wilson, Justin Long, Chris Evans, Dennis Quaid, James Garner, Danny Glover, and Brian Cox; directed by Aristomenis Tsirbas. 2009.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Earth** — The circle of life, all around the globe, arctic to tropic, desert to ocean, illustrated everywhere in luscious calendar art, crystalline in digital projection. The Disney nature documentary allows some survival-of-the-fittest brutality, but none of the gore that would accompany it. “Yes,” concludes narrator James Earl Jones, “it’s full of harsh realities, but sometimes it’s just *paradise*.” Directed by Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Enlighten Up!** — Reviewed this issue. With Nick Rosen; directed by Kate Churchill.

★ (KEN, 5/8 THROUGH 14)

**Every Little Step** — Adam Del Deo’s and James Stern’s documentary on auditions for a Broadway revival of *A Chorus Line*.

(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/8)

**Fast and Furious** — Stripped-down action sequel. Or anyway, the title is stripped down, dumping the definite articles and demoting the nouns to adjectives. The tricked-out action, meanwhile, barrels ahead with total disregard for lucidity or credibility. It’s not precisely a reunion of the original four stars, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Michelle Rodriguez, inasmuch as before they can come together one of them gets bumped off. Thoughts then turn to revenge. Shallowly. Just the right depth for the juvenile target audience. (“Are we cool?” “Yeah, we’re cool.”) With John Ortiz, Laz Alonso, and Gal Gadot; directed by Justin Lin. 2009.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Fighting** — A polite Alabama hick makes his rapid way in the New York underground of bare-knuckle boxing, a lazy daydream with pretensions of toughness. The dialogue periodically dries up, leaving the actors floundering. Channing Tatum, Terrence Howard, Zulay Henao, Michael Rivera, Luis Guzman; directed by Dito Montiel. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** — Dickens’s *Christmas Carol* rewritten as a sex comedy, holding gallons less water. The girl-juggling glamour photographer, a seriously slimy Matthew McConaughey, learns overnight that he is, and always was, a one-woman man. Jennifer Garner is the high-achieving hardbodied hottie who has been cooling her heels for the heel. With Michael Douglas, Breckin Meyer, Lacey Chabert, Robert Forster, and Anne Archer; directed by Mark Waters. 2009.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7;

MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Gran Torino** — Clint Eastwood, director, serves Clint Eastwood, actor, a nice fat one, a softball lobbed right down the middle of the plate and effortlessly belted over the fence: a sort of Grumpy Old Man version of Dirty Harry, a scowler and a growler (looking and sounding uncannily like a dog in defense of a T-bone), a new widower who has seen his Detroit neighborhood taken over by Hmong immigrants (“HUM-mong,” in his two-syllable pronunciation), a hard-ass retiree defined by a pair of prized possessions, the M-1 rifle that commemorates his service in the Korean War and the ’72 Gran Torino that commemorates his life’s work on the Ford assembly line. The character’s blatant bigotry toward his Asian neighbors, whereby he runs through every applicable epithet in a thesaurus of slang (past “fishhead” and “gook” all the way to “zipperhead”) is somewhat problematic. Eastwood’s endearing presence in the role automatically takes the edge off the racism in a way that just wouldn’t happen if the role were occupied by, say, Gene Hackman, Rip Torn. And taking the edge off the racism is not altogether a good idea, regardless how many laughs you get out of it. What ultimately redeems him and his film

is not the conventional, formulaic, soft-hearted and simple-minded warming of relations with the two weakly acted Hmong teenagers next door, and not the tighter focus of wrath on the Asian street gang that’s terrorizing the neighborhood, and not even the expediently plotted climactic act of karmic restitution (which in honesty had slim chance to work out as planned). No, none of that. What redeems him and his film, lending it, for all its entertainment value, a sense of gravity and personal conviction, is simply its place in line in his ongoing penance for the offhand violence, the incalculable casualties, of his earlier career: its place behind *Unforgiven*, *A Perfect World*, *Mystic River*, etc. Once was not enough. It was not just lip service, like an obligatory number of Hail Mary’s after a long-postponed trip to confession. It was, so it would appear, a genuine conversion, a revelation. This stands as the further proof of it, and further refinement of it. With Bee Vang, Ahney Her, Christopher Carley. 2008.

★★★ (GASLAMP 15)

**Hannah Montana: The Movie** — Singing sensation Hannah Montana, “the most popular teenager in the world,” has a secret, an ordinary life as a normal high-schooler under her real name of Miley Stewart (played by Miley Cyrus, alias Hannah Montana), daughter of a down-home Tennessean, Robby Ray Stewart (Billy Ray

Cyrus). Only a blond wig hides her true identity from friends and tabloids, a thinner disguise than Clark Kent’s eyeglasses. Sugar-frosted as it is, the film sheds no credible light on the actual existence of Hannah/Miley, but it does summon up the incredible innocence of a Hollywood teen musical of old, a Deanna Durbin, let’s say. With Emily Osment, Lucas Till, Margo Martindale, and Vanessa Williams; directed by Peter Chelsom. 2009.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10)

**I Love You, Man** — A guy comedy with an original angle. A woman’s man with a well-developed feminine side suddenly feels the lack of a male comrade when the time comes to pick a best man, belatedly casting about for a buddy to cultivate. The lapses in taste — no, the eager, steady assaults on taste, the projectile vomit, the fart commentary, and so forth — lower expectations early on. But the personable Paul Rudd in the pivotal role has plenty of opportunity to

show off his gifts, particularly in his forced efforts to be a guy’s guy, more particularly when inanely or inarticularly tongue-twisted, the urge to be witty running way ahead of the brain’s ability to come up with some wit. His spirited slippage into a Jamaican cadence is a crack-up. Jon Favreau does well, too, as a churlish noncontender for buddyhood. And, in the part of the leading contender, the least you can say for Jason Segel of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* is that he keeps his pants on. With Rashida Jones, Sarah Burns, Jaime Pressley; directed by John Hamburg. 2009.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20)

**Is Anybody There?** — Retirement-home pabulum about the warming relationship between an inquisitive eleven-year-old (interested in ghosts, interested in “what happens”) and the old crank, formerly The Amazing Clarence, who takes over the boy’s room. Vibrant color photography by Rob Hardy, and a vibrant performance by Michael Caine, perhaps too vibrant for the

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### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (877-789-6684)

**Adventureland** (R); **Earth** (G); **Fighting** (PG-13); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13); **Gran Torino** (R); **I Love You, Man** (R); **Next Day Air** (R); **Observe and Report** (R); **Slum-dog Millionaire** (R); **The Soloist** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13); **Taken** (PG-13); **Two Lovers** (R)

#### Horton Plaza 14

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**Crank: High Voltage** (R) Fri. (9:55, 12:10, 2:25, 4:40) 7:05, 9:20 Sat. (9:55, 12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 7:05, 9:20 Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:40, 7:05, 9:20; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri. (9:50, 12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (9:50, 12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Love n' Dancing** (PG-13) Fri. (10:10, 12:25, 2:40, 4:55) 7:10, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:10, 12:25, 2:40) 4:55, 7:10, 9:30; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (10:35, 12:45, 3:00, 5:15) Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 12:45, 3:00) 5:15; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (10:05, 12:35, 3:05, 5:35) 8:05, 10:35 Sat.-Sun. (10:05, 12:35, 3:05) 5:35, 8:05, 10:35; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (10:20, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40) 8:05, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (10:20, 12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 5:05) 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:55 Sat. (9:45, 10:15, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 2:10, 3:35) 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:55 Sun. (9:45, 10:15, 11:15, 12:40; **Sun-shine Cleaning** (R) Fri. (11:10, 1:35, 4:10) 7:00 Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:35) 4:10, 7:00; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15) 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10:15

### LA JOLLA

#### La Jolla 12

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### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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**Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG) Fri. (11:05, 1:55, 4:40) 6:55, 9:30 Sat.-Sun. (11:05, 1:55) 4:40, 6:55, 9:30; **Next Day Air** (R) Fri. (10:35, 2:00, 4:55) 7:50, 10:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:35, 2:00) 4:55, 7:50, 10:45; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:05, 1:00, 3:55) 7:55, 10:50; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:25, 4:20) 6:50 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:25) 4:20, 6:50; **The Soloist** (PG-13) Fri. (9:50, 1:15, 4:10) 7:05, 10:00 Sat.-Sun. (9:50, 1:15) 4:10, 7:05, 10:00; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55, 10:25, 10:55, 12:20 Sat. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:35, 2:10, 3:35) 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:55; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (9:55, 10:25, 10:55, 11:15, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:10) 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:05, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35, 11:00 Sat. (9:55, 10:25, 10:55, 11:15, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:15, 3:45) 4:15, 4:45, 5:10, 6:40, 7:10, 7:40, 8:05, 9:35, 10:05, 10:30

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10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)

**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 12:25 Sun. 8:30p.m.; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Star Trek**; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 8:30, 12:30 Sun. 8:30p.m.

## SOUTH BAY

### CHULA VISTA

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **Next Day Air** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:30; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:00 12:45 2:15 2:45 3:15) 4:45 5:15 5:45 7:15 7:45 8:15 9:45 10:15 10:45; **Battle for Terra** (PG) (11:00); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Obsessed** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:30) 6:00 10:45; **Fighting** (PG-13) (1:45) 4:45 7:30 10:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) (1:15 3:30) 8:30; **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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### Otay Ranch 12

Eastlake Parkway at Olympic (858-558-2262)

**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past**; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Obsessed**; **17 Again**; **The Soloist**; **Star Trek**; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine**

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennergy Road (858-558-2262)

**Battle for Terra**; **Crank: High Voltage**; **Earth**; **Fast and Furious**; **Fighting**; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past**; **Hannah Montana: The Movie**; **The Haunting in Connecticut**; **Love n' Dancing**; **Monsters vs. Aliens**; **Next Day Air**; **Observe and Report**; **Obsessed**; **17 Again**; **The Soloist**; **Star Trek**; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine**

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707)

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### IMPERIAL BEACH

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)

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### NATIONAL CITY

#### Plaza Bonita 14

3030 Plaza Bonita Road (858-558-2262)

**Earth** (G); **Fighting** (PG-13); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Next Day Air** (R); **Obsessed** (PG-13); **17 Again** (PG-13); **The Soloist** (PG-13); **Star Trek** (PG-13); **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13)

## NORTH INLAND

### CARMEL MOUNTAIN

#### Carmel Mountain 14

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (877-789-6684)

**Battle for Terra** (PG); **Earth** (G); **Fighting** (PG-13); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G); **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG); **Obsessed** (PG-13); **17 Again** (PG-13); **The Soloist** (PG-13); **Star Trek** (PG-13); **State of Play** (PG-13); **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13)

### ESCONDIDO

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)

**Earth** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:05, 3:20); **Fighting** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 7:55, 10:45; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:05) 7:40, 9:35, 10:15 Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:05, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) Fri.-Sun. (12:15, 3:40) 6:40; **Love n' Dancing** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:45, 1:20, 3:55) 7:10, 9:45; **Monsters vs. Aliens** (PG)

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**River Village 6**  
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:45 2:15 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) (11:15 1:45) 4:30 7:30 10:15; No 11:15 Sat. & Sun.; **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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POWAY

**Poway 10**  
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:45 2:15 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; **Battle for Terra 3D** (PG) (10:45); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Obsessed** (PG-13) (12:00 2:45) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:15 10:15; **Earth** (G) (10:15 12:15) 5:15; **17 Again** (PG-13) (1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:30 10:45; **State of Play** (PG-13) 7:00 10:00; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (2:30) 7:30 10:00; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (11:15 1:45) 4:15 ; **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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**San Marcos 18**  
1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)  
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DEL MAR

**Del Mar Highlands 8**  
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:45 2:15 3:15) 4:45 5:45 7:15 8:15 9:45 10:45; **Battle for**

**Terra 3D** (PG) (3:45) 10:45; **Obsessed** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; No 10:00 Sat. & Sun.; **Earth** (G) (10:15 12:30) 5:15; No 10:15 & 12:30 Sat.; **17 Again** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) (2:45) 7:30 10:00; No 2:45 Sat.; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (11:15 1:30) 6:15 8:30; **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
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Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)



**Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:45 1:30) 4:15 7:00 10:00; **State of Play** (PG-13) (10:30 1:30) 4:30 7:30 10:15; **Sunshine Cleaning** (R) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45  
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

ENCINITAS

**La Paloma**  
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LA COSTA

**La Costa 6**  
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 4:00) 5:00 7:00 8:00 10:00 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 12:45 3:15) 5:45 8:15 10:45; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:30 12:45 3:00) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (2:45) 7:30; No 2:45 Wed.; **17 Again** (PG-13) (10:15 12:30) 5:15 10:30; No 10:15 Sat. & Sun.; No 5:15 Wed.; **Earth** (G) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 4:45; No 2:30 & 4:45 Wed.; **State of Play** (PG-13) 7:15 10:15; **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

OCEANSIDE

**Mission Marketplace 13**  
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)



**Star Trek** (PG-13) (10:00 11:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 4:00) 5:00 6:00 7:00 8:00 9:00 10:00 10:45; **Next Day Air** (R) (11:15 1:30 3:45) 6:15 8:30 10:45; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) (10:15 11:30 12:15 12:45 2:15 2:45 3:15) 4:45 5:15 5:45 7:15 7:45 8:15 9:45 10:15 10:45; **Battle for Terra** (PG) (10:15); **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) (10:00 12:15 2:30) 5:15 7:45 10:15; **Obsessed** (PG-13) (11:45 2:30) 5:00 7:30 10:00; **17 Again** (PG-13) (10:30 1:15 3:30) 6:00 8:15 10:45; **The Soloist** (PG-13) (10:45 1:45) 4:30 7:15 10:00; No 10:00 Fri.; No 10:45 & 1:45 Sun. & Wed.; **Fighting** (PG-13) (12:30 3:00) 5:30 8:00 10:30; **Earth** (G) (11:15 1:30); **Hannah Montana: The Movie** (G) 4:15 7:00 9:30; No 7:00 Tues. & Thu.; **Monsters vs. Aliens 3D** (PG) (10:30 12:45); **Thomas and Friends: The Great Discovery** (G) 10:30 am Sat.-Sun. only  
No 9 pm-10:45 pm shows Sun.-Thu.

**Oceanside 16**  
401 Mission Avenue (760-439-1733)  
**Earth** (G) Fri. (11:10, 1:45, 4:25) Sat.-Sun. (11:10, 1:45) 4:25; **Fast and Furious** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 6:55, 9:30; **Fighting** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 1:55, 4:20) 7:10, 9:40 Sat.-Sun. (11:25, 1:55) 4:20, 7:10, 9:40; **Ghosts of Girlfriends Past** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. (10:50, 1:15, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40; **Next Day Air** (R) Fri.-Sun. (11:45, 1:50, 3:55) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; **Observe and Report** (R) Fri. (1:35, 3:45, 5:55) 8:10, 10:30 Sat.-Sun. (1:35, 3:45) 5:55, 8:10, 10:30; **Obsessed** (PG-13) Fri. (11:50, 2:25, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.-Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 4:55, 7:35, 10:05; **17 Again** (PG-13) Fri. (10:40, 1:20, 4:40) 7:15, 9:45 Sat.-Sun. (10:40, 1:20) 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; **The Soloist** (PG-13) Fri. (10:30, 1:25, 4:15) 7:05, 9:55 Sat.-Sun. (10:30, 1:25) 4:15, 7:05, 9:55; **Star Trek** (PG-13) Fri. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35, 4:05, 4:35, 5:05) 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:50, 10:20, 10:50 Sat.-Sun. (9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40, 2:10, 3:35) 4:05, 4:35, 5:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 9:25, 9:50; **X-Men Origins: Wolverine** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30) 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 8:30, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20 Sat.-Sun. (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00) 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 8:30, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20

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MOVIES

role. With Bill Milner, Anne-Marie Duff, and David Morrissey; directed by John Crowley. 2008.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Lemon Tree** — Reviewed this issue. With Hiam Abbass, Ali Suliman, Rona Lipaz-Michael, and Doron Tabor; directed by Eran Riklis.  
★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 5/8)

**Love n’ Dancing** — Reviewed this issue. With Tom Malloy, Amy Smart, Billy Zane, and Nicola Royston; directed by Robert Iscove.  
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 5/8)

**Monsters vs. Aliens** — Machine-made cartoon from DreamWorks, credited to co-directors Rob Letterman and Conrad Vernon. It posits a secret government quarantine of benign monsters modelled on such Fifties archetypes as the Blob, the four-fifths-human Fly (except now a Cockroach), Mothra, the 50-Foot Woman (a girl-power placebo), and the Creature from the Black Lagoon. None of the figures, human or non-, merits a second glance as a work of graphic art. And the insufferable insouciance of the premise, fully and accurately summed up in the title, hides behind a smokescreen of computer wizardry, 3-D diversion, jaded in-jokes, capitalist confidence. Hides, but not successfully. With the voices of Reese Witherspoon, Seth Rogen, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Kiefer Sutherland. 2009.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Next Day Air** — Crime comedy with Donald Faison, Mike Epps, and Mos Def, directed by Benny Boom.  
(CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/8)

**Obsessed** — Sort of an interracial *Fatal Attraction*, except the attraction is all one way. The hot blond temp — “I think you mean ‘temp-tress’” — sets her cap for the married Executive V.P. the first time they share an elevator. Her great sin is obviousness, his is thus obtuseness, and the film’s is timidity. With Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles, Ali Larter, Jerry O’Connell, Bruce McGill, and Christine Lahti; directed by Steve Shill. 2009.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**17 Again** — Second-chance fantasy that, through the agency of a bewhiskered supernatural school janitor, sends the middle-age-crazy hero not back in time, but back in age, back to the high school of his youth, so that he must fend off the incestuous flirtations of his teenage daughter and make age-inappropriate advances to the disaffected wife he had long since lost interest in (and who, incidentally, has the minimum mental wherewithal to notice, if not to make adequate fuss about, his uncanny resemblance to the boy she married twenty years ago). We expect to encounter logic problems in any time-travel tale, so it’s best not to compound them with extraneous nonsense whereby the daughter’s brutish boyfriend — inexplicable in itself — would also be her brother’s chief bully and tormentor. And it’s hard to be happy at a happy ending that assumes the wife, who has travelled nowhere, would have learned the same lessons as her time-tripping husband. Leslie Mann, seemingly doomed to

subsist at the level of *Drillbit Taylor*, *Knocked Up*, *Big Daddy*, *The Cable Guy*, et al., is very good as the wife, carrying a lot of tension, intelligence, sensitivity, pain, and whatnot in her pop eyes and pursed mouth, without ever forgetting she’s in a comedy. The compensation she provides, although not small, is not sufficient. Zac Efron, Matthew Perry, Thomas Lennon, Michelle Trachtenberg; directed by Burr Steers. 2009.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Sin Nombre** — A heartbreakingly lovely Honduran emigrant (Paulina Gaitan) makes her perilous way, with father and uncle, through Mexico en route to Texas and New Jersey, her path converging with that of a sensitive, pensive Mexican gangbanger (Edgar Flores), a teardrop tattoo by his right eye, who runs afoul of his blood brothers. First-time filmmaker Cary Koji Fukunaga offers a soft-hearted view of a hard world, seeking out tender innocence and then stomping it for our horror and pity. The illegal-alien film and the gang-life film are both genres that are prone to a certain sameness, and the combination of the two into one film doesn’t produce a sense of differentness so much as a doubled sameness. Slickly done, nonetheless. 2009.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**The Soloist** — A *Los Angeles Times* columnist (Steve Lopez by byline) finding a story in a homeless schizophrenic classical musician, and making something of it, is quite different from a team of filmmakers finding the same story predigested. What they chiefly make of it is a couple of outsized performances by Robert Downey, Jr., and Jamie Foxx. Director Joe Wright devises a nice subjective effect when the cellist’s solo part is joined in his mind’s ear by a full orchestra, drowning out the passing traffic

in a freeway tunnel. But the accompanying birds soaring over the city are a bit much. As are the Jupiter-landing psychedelic lights accompanying a rehearsal of the L.A. Philharmonic. A sprinkling of flashbacks to How He Got Here adds little but filler. With Catherine Keener, Tom Hollander, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Stephen Root. 2009.  
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Star Trek** — Reviewed this issue. With Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Simon Pegg, and Leonard Nimoy; directed by J.J. Abrams.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; FROM 5/8)

**State of Play** — The Americanization of a BBC miniseries qualifies as a ripped-from-the-headlines thriller, and from more than one type of headline: the political sex scandal, the privatization of the military, the death throes of newspapers. The topicality inevitably gives rise to some soapboxing, and along with it some playing on the pieties of the audience, though it is doubtful whether this either enhances or erodes the main business of generating thrills. Those are generated aplenty, even if, in the end, the plotting descends into mechanical trickery for its own sake. By then the discriminating moviegoer should be in a frame of mind to take what he has got. With Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn, Jeff Daniels, and Jason Bateman; directed by Kevin Macdonald. 2009.  
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; POWAY 10; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**Sunshine Cleaning** — Thin slice of American nulloaf, the main ingredients of which are two Albuquerque sisters partnered in the business of “Crime Scene Cleanup.” (A pre-credits shotgun suicide demonstrates the need.) Amy Adams, a single mom in an adulterous affair with an old boyfriend, is a roller-coaster actress overtly

sharing every little rise and fall of feeling, while Emily Blunt, as her irresponsible junior, maintains a shivery tension, not exactly steadier but at any rate not as wide-ranging. And Alan Arkin, as their crackpot entrepreneurial father, is evidently on board for luck: seeing as how he was in the “indie” hit *Little Miss Sunshine*, maybe there’s box-office mojo in the combination of Arkin and *Sunshine*. Clifton Collins, Jr., is easily the most appealing as the one-armed model-airplane hobbyist behind the counter of the cleaning-supplies store. Jason Spevack, Steve Zahn, Mary Lynn Rajs kub, Eric Christian Olsen; directed by Christine Jeffs. 2009.  
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Taken** — A ring of Albanian white slavers (Middle Eastern buyers) has the bad fortune to shanghai the virgin daughter of a retired American superspy — “I was a preventer,” he understates — on her first morning of vacation in Paris. There is no satisfaction in the quick-as-a-blink detective work that leads him to them, only satisfaction, for those who can take it, in watching him mow them down, a Weedwacker in a field of dandelions. (Too late to “prevent” the kidnapping, but not too late for the defiling.) Nor is there satisfaction in watching an eye-lifty Liam Neeson playing Steven Seagal. Nor in watching the native director, Pierre Morel, sell out his country on top of himself. Catharsis, you learn anew, can’t come out of crud. A hot shower afterwards would be your closest approximation. Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Olivier Rabourdin. 2009.  
● (GASLAMP 15)

**Tyson** — Reviewed this issue. With Mike Tyson; written and directed by James Toback.  
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 5/8)

**X-Men Origins: Wolverine** — Reviewed this issue. With Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber, Danny Huston, and Ryan Reynolds; directed by Gavin Hood.  
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OTAY RANCH 12; PALM PROMENADE 24; PLAZA BONITA 14; POWAY 10; RIVER VILLAGE 6; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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**Star Trek** 2009  
Wow! Saw *Star Trek* last week and again last night at an advanced screening. This movie is about as close to perfect as one gets. From start to finish, I was on the edge of my seat. The script is very engaging and the latest CG is out of this world. I am a huge fan of the original *Star Trek* television series and never got into anything after that. Quite frankly, the “continuation” of *Star Trek* was a very shameless attempt to capitalize on the perfect chemistry between William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. Fans of the original *Star Trek* will be completely engrossed and satisfied with this reboot. The movie goes waaaay back to boy Spock and kid Kirk and lets you see what events made them who they are. Opening weekend will be \$100,000,000 or I’ll eat my four-day pass for this year’s Comic-Con!  
By **thefleetsin** 11:25 a.m., May 1, 2009

**State of Play** 2009  
My Sicilian mother had a favorite saying: “Look what the cat dragged in.” I immediately remembered that when Russell Crowe appeared on screen, visually channeling Dennis Hopper in *Easy Rider*, in the new political thriller *State of Play*. Crowe is joined by a cast of Hollywood’s biggest brand names — Ben Affleck, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn, Rachel McAdams, and Jason Bateman, who is worth the price of admission as a sleazy lobbyist in a minor role. The movie brilliantly interweaves two current headlines — the covert threat of Blackwater-type private armies and the overt economic threat to news coverage. The plot is filled with twists, turns, and surprises and equals great cinema entertainment.  
By **alansegal** 11:31 a.m., Apr 30, 2009

**The Soloist** 2009  
While Duncan neatly covered the psychedelic aspects of the film, the protagonist’s near-neurotic flirtation with an endless stream of personal shortcomings was noteworthy. Perhaps *The Soloist* should have received a secondary rating of MC, as a caution for those in mid-life crisis!  
By **GeorgeM** 10 p.m., May 1, 2009


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Lisa Meyers  
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I forget what company it was. I think maybe Target, but they used the song “Baby Got Back” for some back-to-school things. I didn’t think that was very appropriate. And now Burger King is also using that song, and again, it’s for a kids’ meal. I don’t care for the DiGiorno ad that shows a group of friends at a bar and an attractive woman is sucking an ice cube really seductively. It might be a three-way tie for worst commercial, including this one for gum. This young teenage couple starts making out after chewing it. The parents start kissing, too. It’s so disgusting.



Peter Fortin  
 Mechanical Engineer  
 Linda Vista

I should have a strong opinion about that. I just can’t think of them all. The caveman commercials for Geico insurance. It almost made me switch my insurance away from Geico. Those commercials are just awful. Probably the worst are the ones for an STD product. If you’re watching TV with a girl over and it comes on, you say, “Oh, what’s this?” It ends up killing the mood.



Rafael Hernan  
 Engineer  
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Well, in Mexico I would say the government-produced commercials are all bad. They’re always telling you what they’re using your money for. They should show politicians buying a yacht with your money. When I was a kid, the government there owned all the TV stations, and 60 percent of it was government filler. That’s not the best entertainment.



John Davidson  
 Waiter  
 Downtown

I hate the *freecreditreport.com* spots. The song sucks. They’re bad all the way around. They’ve all gotta go.



Jessica Jones  
 Dry Cleaner  
 Downtown

I recently saw one for a college. They kept talking about it being free. The entire thing was just irritating and plain stupid. I believe it was an online college, but I’m not positive. The main reason I hated it was because of that song. So, maybe the key is that there shouldn’t be singing in commercials.



Alan Percy  
 Construction Foreman  
 Santee

I suspect we all hate commercials. It seems in the ’70s and ’80s they were more fun. Remember all those beer commercials? “Tastes great!” “Less filling!” What happened to fun spots like that? My big pet peeve with commercials that I dislike is probably that they sometimes come up with a catchy concept. For example, the ones that mention all those things you did with your grandmother before she died, and then the voiceover says, “Priceless.” Those were interesting at first, like a lot of commercials. But they keep the theme going too long. The Budweiser frogs weren’t funny after the first one. Neither is the gecko lizard.

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This week's questions

- Concerning fame, Shins frontman James Mercer worries about what cultural phenomenon?
- Bob Taylor of Taylor Guitars — what grade was he in when he made his first guitar in woodshop?
- What was the name of the local venue that avant-garde music maven Bonnie Wright operated from 1995 to 2002?
- Crasher Josh Board mentally calculates that the odds of a full moon appearing over the party's Moonbounce are about 1 in what?
- According to Barnaby Monk, what rock star spilled the Red Bulls on Monk and another judge at the battle of the bands at the Hard Rock Café?
- Barbarella and her husband David suffer mouth-dropping shock when their Swiss and German guests inform them that Swedish adults drink what with their meals?
- By Jeff Smith's reckoning, Georg Buchner's *Woyzeck* is possibly the first play in theatrical history to have a \_\_\_\_ as its protagonist.
- Naomi Wise, in search of the perfect happy hour, discovers that Coronado's branch of Candelas offers "one great lacto-veg dinner entrée" based on what ingredient?
- Which indie rocker of the group Calexico nudged filmmaker Marianne Dissard toward cutting her own record?
- The given name of the Pixies' Frank Black, aka Black Francis (due in town Saturday the 9th), is actually what?

Last week's answers

- Rusty Jones. (p. 74)
- Slab City. (p. 66)
- Law; the surfboard business. (p. 92)
- Belle-laide.* (p. 90)
- Sunny Day Real Estate and Pedro the Lion. (p. 78)
- Crokaoke. (p. 87)
- Valle Montezuma. (p. 12)
- Kostik, Tank, Mute, and Kalibur. (p. 82)
- Twenty-eight years, 14 records. (p. 70)
- Twenty. (p. 22)

Last Week's Winners:

Debra Funakoshi, Karen Guarnotta, Patricia Hippenstiel, Nathaniel Uy, and Clyde Christie

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3) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.  
4) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### Across

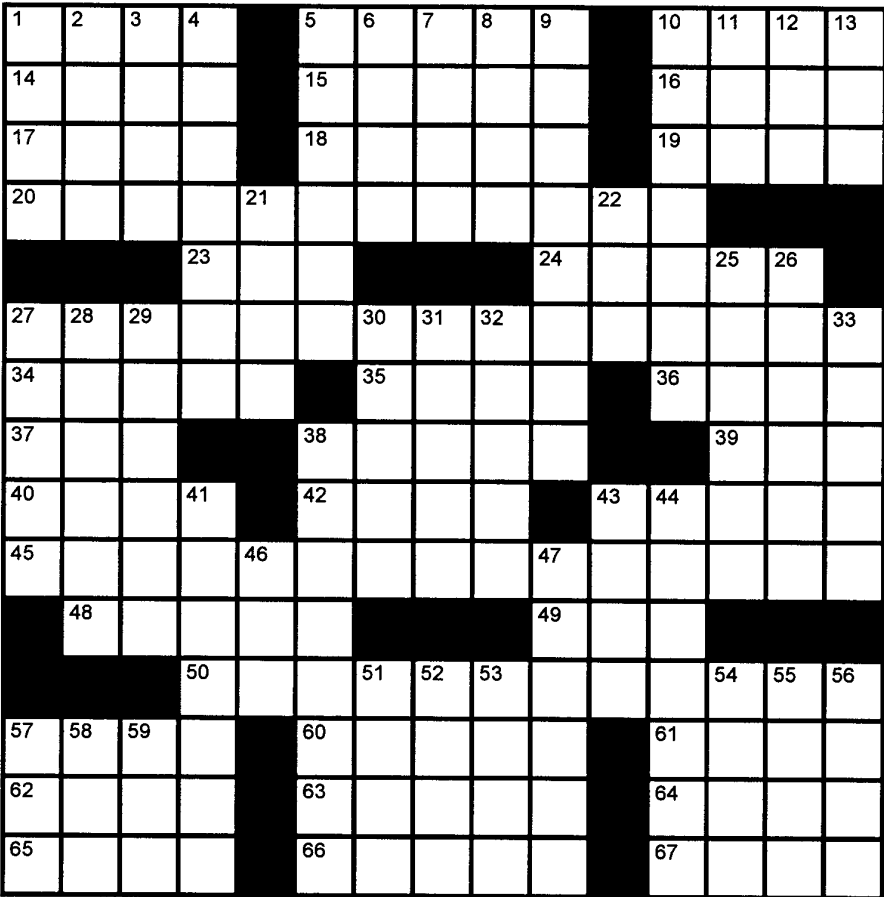
- 1930s heavyweight champ Max
- Afro-Brazilian dance
- "Mamma Mia" group
- Summit
- Busybody
- Wrinkle remover
- Bubble \_\_\_\_
- Showy display
- Highway or byway
- Chopping, kicking, bowing to a sensei, etc.?

- Loony
- Put an end to
- Projects for adobe-loving architects?
- Company acquired by Maytag in 2001
- R.E.M.'s "It's the End of the World \_\_\_\_ Know It"
- "\_\_\_\_ careful!"
- "Family Circus" cartoonist Keane
- They may be bright or dumb
- Gasoline choice: Abbr.
- Decorative molding
- Basketball rim attachments
- Texas leaguer?
- Radio shows hosted by Earl Scruggs and Steve Martin?
- Guide
- Lengthy stretch
- Big task for President Obama ... and the task involved in solving this puzzle's themed answers
- Gusto
- Happening
- "Milk's Favorite Cookie"
- \_\_\_\_ vera
- Gabbana's partner in fashion
- Baghdad's \_\_\_\_ City
- Variety
- PGA great Sam
- Otherwise

### Down

- Madam
- Height: Prefix
- Key with four sharps: Abbr.

- Car tower
- Big name in swimwear
- Foot part
- Kunis of "That '70s Show"
- Wally's TV brother, with "the"
- Newspaper pieces
- Cause of a WWII siren
- "My man!"
- Reptile that will take your breath away
- &
- \_\_\_\_ California
- A-to-zed ref.
- Stall calls
- First English king
- Big cheese
- What Penelope Cruz and Salma Hayek call one another
- Suffix with equi- or ambi-
- Justice Ruth \_\_\_\_ Ginsburg
- Be of \_\_\_\_ (aid)
- Gloria Steinem's "\_\_\_\_ Playboy Bunny"
- State flowers of Utah
- Doesn't go outside the family, say
- Threw out
- \_\_\_\_ in the machine
- Capital of Costa Rica
- Opposite of 'neath
- In need of body work
- Rival of Mary Kay
- MTV segment?
- Quechua speaker
- Kind of fixation
- They're made by maids
- Holding a grudge
- Drummer Starkey
- QB Manning
- 57-Down, to Ringo Starr



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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

**Flo Abena, Rancho Peñasquitos, 17.** "To all moms, enjoy your day, especially Angeles and Andrea."  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 17.** "Happy Birthday, Sister."  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 17.** "6 is the monkey who brought in the mail!"  
**Olga Betteridge, Ocean Beach, 17.** "I was blessed to have known your Mum for a year."  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 17.** "Love and miss you, Mom. Heaven gains an angel."  
**Charlotte Brown, Clairemont, 17.**  
**Marvin A. Brown, Clairemont, 17.**  
**E.T. Cage, Carmel Mtn., 17.**  
**Gary Dismukes, Scripps Ranch, 17.** "Column one at last! 35 on top, 35 weeks left..."

**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 17.**  
**Bette Eberhardt, Pine Valley, 17.** "Forever 17."  
**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 17.** "Pac-man pow! Down goes Hatton."  
**Rand Feura, Santee, 17.**  
**Justin Finke, Sorrento Valley, 17.**  
**Elaine Marume, Oceanside, 17.**  
**Anna McCutcheon, Downtown, 17.** "Quality painting at low prices. paintwithdan@yahoo.com for free estimates."  
**Ron Meyer, Santee, 17.** "Hi Mom and my Honey - Happy Mother's Day!"  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 17.** "San Diego's gold...sdmrm.org."  
**Elizabeth Noll, Alpine, 17.** "Beltane greetings!"

**Jim Odell, Vista, 17.** "Did Ayn Rand back capitalism/selfishness, and battle altruism/sacrifice?"  
**Julie Osburn, North Park, 17.** "Sister Jamie is in town this week."  
**Robert Ott, Mira Mesa, 17.** "Happy Birthday Chris."  
**Gil Patricio, San Diego, 17.**  
**John Pertle, Santee, 17.** "Sic transit gloria mundi. 1 Jn 2:15-17; Matt 24:35; Isa 40:8."  
**Eric Sandquist, Allied Gardens, 17.**

**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 17.** "Happy Mother's Day to the world's best mom! WLY, DS&R "  
**Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 17.** "Happy Mother's Day, Dorothy and Pamela. I love you both."  
**Doug Rodgers, Rancho Peñasquitos, 17.**  
**Eddie O Spaghetio, Coronado, 17.** "143U15! Shakin'! Bakin'! Heart a-breakin'! Why're you still hesitatin? CIUM21."

**Ted Scafidi, Hillcrest, 17.** "Save water. Bathe with water main sink-holes."  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 17.** "An open mind is the fertilizer that cultivates respect."  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 17.** "Sudoku, too!"  
**Ann Winder, Hillcrest, 17.** "Hi to my walking buddies, Jeanie and Lynda."  
**Ric Witt, Clairemont, 17.** "Nations are lost when men stand by and do nothing."  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 16.**  
**Lucy Alderson, Chula Vista, 16.** "Waking Up Canadian - check it out on Youtube!"  
**Martha Awdziewicz, Clairemont, 16.**  
**Jen Barnes, University Heights, 16.**  
**Carolyn Dalton, Escondido, 16.**

**Jeff Battles, Ocean Beach, 16.** "Think global, shop local. Eco-friendly is the way to be."  
**Leslie Chase, Campo, 16.** "Orange is gold."  
**Betsy Cory, Chula Vista, 16.** "That's all, folks!"  
**Craig Curtis, Escondido, 16.** "Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Bodega Bay, Sonoma, and Napa Valley. Nice walkabout!"  
**Vince Cuseo, Vista, 16.** "A donut with no hole is a Danish."  
**Gerard Dermody, Encinitas, 16.** "Cleavage is meant to attract, but don't get caught looking."  
**Alfred Egaran, San Diego, 16.** "Great weekend in Vegas and I'm on the 1st page, yay!"  
**Barney Firks, Ocean Beach, 16.**  
**Ron Hootman, Santee, 16.** "Hoot 101: Minor oil spill on hafiz and foul - oops!"

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THIS WEEK’S CONTENDERS CONTINUED:

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**George Jackson, Oceanside, 16.**  
**Jim Koziol, UTC, 16.** “Lukie shoots and scores!”  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 16.** “Puzzle Master owes us a neolib puzzle.”  
**Lane and Gaby Litke, Chula Vista, 16.**  
**Kyle Matzke, Vista, 16.** “Only thing green about the Green Movement are \$\$ generated.”  
**Rumir Miravalles, San Diego, 16.** “Kind word and a gun can get you further.”  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 16.** “Hey East Village! Stop complaining about cars parked 4 days!”  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 16.**  
**Matt Read, La Mesa, 16.** “Props 1A-1F: Just say no! Bail out citizens, not Sacramento!”  
**Dave Small, San Carlos, 16.**  
**Tom Somich, Clairemont, 16.** “Congratulations on your degree, Danielle!”  
**Elenore Stephens, Potrero, 16.** “P-town 4 life.”

**Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar, 16.** “Steve and Peter, thanks for your generous contribution!”  
**M. Zimmermann, Vista, 16.** “wwwgopnot4me.com”  
**Thomas Baggot, Carlsbad, 15.**  
**A.T. Certik, Bonita, 15.**  
**Jon Connor, Oceanside, 15.** “...of lost children.”  
**Ben Cooper, Gaslamp, 15.** “Cousin Alice is hardly eco-friendly.”  
**Thomas Diehl, Escondido, 15.** “To words hold fast! Reach true certainty at last!”  
**Kurt Dornbusch, Mission Valley, 15.** “Yeah, I sold Mary’s Jeep! Cool!”  
**Manny Faria, Point Loma, 15.** “Welcome home, Pooh, you love of my life!”  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 15.** “Off to Sudoku.”  
**Anne Hinton, Point Loma, 15.**  
**Ernie Hsu, San Diego, 15.**  
**Sara Khwaja, Poway, 15.** “RIP Iggy. RIP Monty.”  
☛ **Joe Maginn, Mission Beach, 15.** “Typo Patrollers never take the shirt. I would.”

**Richard Hutchings, Santee, 15.**  
**Michael McGriffin, Bay Park, 15.** “1A-1F are frauds - vote no!”  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 15.** “Peace be with you.”  
**Bill Pischke, Ramona, 15.**  
*“We’re gonna Kauai, Kauai, Kauai when we’re traveling orange.”*  
**Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 15.** “Go Bulls, Giants, and Bull Durhams!”  
**Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 15.**  
**Clinton Smith, La Mesa, 15.** “Anybody seen my snake?”  
**Gayle Studer, Mission Valley, 15.**  
**Nedda Viscovich, Cardiff, 15.**  
**Steve Wilson, Spring Valley, 15.** “Tim and Olga - where’d you go?”  
**Ken A., Ocean Beach, 14.** “Prove you’re a coward, go buy a gun.”  
**Stuart Aunger, Chula Vista, 14.** “Ruckus? Toss ‘em out on their ears.”  
**Jay Berkowitz, La Jolla, 14.** “Yom Haatzmaut - Happy 61st Birthday for Israel.”  
**John L. Drechner, North Park, 14.** “I miss my friend Jane.”  
**Dale Duffala, La Jolla, 14.** “Here’s to moms - wherever they are!”

**George Elam, Vista, 14.** “Happy Mother’s Day, Moms.”  
**Edward C. Horbett, Jr., Crown Point, 14.** “Aya has arrived.”  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 14.** “Happy Mother’s Day to all!”  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 14.** “On to Sudoku!”  
**Michael Panther, Point Loma, 14.** “Get yourself a resurrection spell.”  
**P. Drew Papas, La Jolla, 14.** “Dodgin’ flu with all of you!”  
**Don Prince, Serra Mesa, 14.** “DLW - saw your New York Times puzzle - way to go!”  
**John Prince, Serra Mesa, 14.** “Bulls rush in, where wise men fear to tread.”  
**Jay Sato, Carmel Valley, 14.** “Happy Mothers’ Day: Mumsky & Adrian”  
**Martin Soblick, Del Mar, 14.**  
**Kay Stefferud, Carlsbad, 14.** “Happy Mother’s Day to a cross-word-loving mom!”  
**Marjorie Stewart, Point Loma, 14.** “Spay, neuter, and hug your pet!”  
**Lisa Torrescano, Spring Valley, 14.**  
**Bob Vollmar, La Jolla, 14.**  
**Bob Werner, Bay Park, 14.**

**Westie, San Diego, 14.**  
**Leo Baggerly, Encinitas, 13.** “Keep your fork - something good is coming.”  
**Maria Coda, Oceanside, 13.** “Hi All!”  
**Don Erickson, Carlsbad, 13.** “Kathy, it’s time.”  
**Julie Hocking, Normal Heights, 13.** “Go crazy!”  
**Ellie Hoey, Spring Valley, 13.** “I love New York.”  
**Billy Horton, Santee, 13.** “Still waiting for famous.”  
**Gerard Hoskins, Bonsall, 13.** “Everything will be alright.”  
**Cindy Pellett, University Heights, 13.** “Taking a much-needed vacation. See you 5/14.”  
**Chris Peterkin, Scripps Ranch, 13.** “It’s still me, Devon!”  
**Jack Rohrer, Clairemont, 13.** “Dave Coullier is also eco-friendly. No one cares, including me.”  
**Bud Fisher, Mira Mesa, 12.** “That’s what she said.”  
**N.C. Lyman, Poway, 12.** “Peace and love to everyone. 143 BC.”  
**Alex Moran, San Diego, 12.** “Peace is our profession. - SAC”  
**Denis Rees, Alpine, 12.** “You go, Reader!”

**Matthew Rosello, San Diego, 12.** “It is gone.”  
**Estevan Soto, Chula Vista, 12.** “Excuse #107: Not coming in. I got that swine, son!”  
**Andrea Vollmer, Vista, 12.** “Pray for me!”  
**Dave Washington, La Jolla, 12.** “Be doers of the world, not hearers only.”  
**Tom and Jenn, Mira Mesa, 11.** “We need sleep.”  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 11.** “Eleventh time’s a charm. How about a T-shirt? Go Cards!”  
**Bruce Bell, South Park, 11.**  
**Evelyn Bowser, Hillcrest, 11.** “God is good.”  
**Marilyn Contreras, El Cajon, 11.** ☛ **Victor Correa, San Ysidro, 11.**  
**Marty Ferullo, Pacific Beach, 11.** “Happy Birthday to my son, Marc.”  
**Jack Hawkins, Encinitas, 11.** “What light through yonder cross-word breaks...out, out, brief candle.”  
**Scott Heimer, Mission Valley, 11.** “Will I ever win a T-shirt?”  
**Nathan Ladd, Mission Hills, 11.**  
**Tom Laurin, Chula Vista, 11.** “Happy Mother’s Day, Vivian. I love you more...”

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Donna Swing, La Mesa, 11.  
Tom White, University City, 11.  
Stephen Wilder, Rancho Bernardo, 11. "Will I rue the day I opted for roue?"  
Philip Blase, San Diego, 10. "Asia for me this year."  
S. Depka, Vista, 10. "#3 rocks."  
Rosalie Dow, Tierrasanta, 10. "One week until France!"  
Joy E Fernandez, Chula Vista, 10. "Sock, sock, shoe, shoe!"  
Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 10. "This was a tough one."  
Michael Lodahl, Mission Valley, 10. "If only being eco-friendly were so simple!"  
Linda Millsberg, Santee, 10.  
Connie Rittichier, Poway, 10.  
Don Romero, Ramona, 10. "I love Mei Ling and I cannot lie!"  
Eddie and Andrea Schroder, Carlsbad, 10. "Why is the left so afraid of what is right?"  
N'Namdi Sikumbuzo, Serra Mesa, 10.  
Jack Tripp, San Diego, 10. "Kelly, kute and kuddly."

Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 9. "My ticker's in great shape - blood pressure reads 116/74."  
Susan De Masi, Fallbrook, 9. ☛ Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 9. "There's a fly in the ointment."  
Susie Lektorich, Coronado, 9. "Thanks to my CYC buddies!"  
Donald Millsberg, Santee, 9.  
Rubber Chicken Research Team, Mission Hills, 9. "Eat less, move more."  
Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 8. "Welcome home!"  
Steve Gunsolley, Normal Heights, 8. "An azobluue to you, too! 59A."  
Dara Hetzel, Escondido, 8. "Congrats to my bros Damian and Travis in NH."  
Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 8. "Nice pants... do they come in damp?"  
Phil Nichols, Escondido, 8. "Dana? Tom? Help!"  
Karen Steepy, Bonita, 8.  
E.M. Hutchings, Santee, 7.

Gail Jones, El Cajon, 7. "Keep those easier ones coming."  
Danielle Mentzer, North Park, 7. "I lament that my name is not eco-friendly..."  
John C. Pipes, Lemon Grove, 7. "Obama, why are you releasing known terrorists?"  
Adam Roberts, San Diego, 7. "I love you, Mom. Happy Mother's Day!"  
Joanne Sanchez, Mira Mesa, 7. "I finally remembered to send it in. Welcome, Madelyn!"  
Stacey Street, North Park, 7. "Let's all be eco-friendly!"  
Misty McDaniel, Lakeside, 6.  
Michell Thitathan, Downtown, 6. "Patricia Racette's here. See Madame Butterfly at the opera!"  
Mike Van Nordheim, Poway, 6. "Take up the mouth harp - blow the blues away."  
Spanky's Toilets , Carlsbad, 6. "Spank this! www.spankysps.com"  
Rick Chambless, San Diego, 5. "Heaven help us!"  
Howard Donnelly, Mission Valley, 5. "Give blood. Play hockey."  
Jane Reilly, University City, 5.  
Les Sherman, Pacific Beach, 5. "For my lovely wife, Yvonne."

Rod Wastier, South Park, 5. "Alice Cooper plays golf - now that's funny!"  
Susan Williams, North Park, 5. "Have a wonderful trip, Evan."  
Jean Marie and Jayne N., Allied Gardens, 4. "Shout out to Notorious MD Robbins!"  
Robin Coulthard, Lakeside, 4.  
Debbie Finch, La Mesa, 4.  
Dorothy Kruse, Carlsbad, 4. "I keep trying."  
Tammy Lin, San Diego, 4.  
F.A. Nalu, El Cajon, 4. "Love the warmer weather!"  
Debbie Rosier, Coronado, 4.  
Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 4. "Best brother ever!"  
Becky and Thomas, La Jolla, 3. "Little kid juice mouth."  
Sean Holt, Ocean Beach, 3. "Does anyone else hear the voices? Where are my meds?"  
Ana Jacala, Downtown, 3.  
Neil E. Lien, Escondido, 3.  
Sunny Nelson, El Cajon, 3. "This should be successful entry #4. Please check your records."  
Shannon Rico, Clairemont, 3.  
Avril Varga, Poway, 3. "Yipee! Congrats Beth and Kevin. Grandma-to-be again!"

Ron Akers, Sabre Springs, 2. "Long live Rush and Geddy Lee! They rock!"  
Mike Borgasano, Point Loma, 2. "Watch that smoking loon riding by me - Happy Birthday, Jess!"  
John Clapp, Lakeside, 2. "Slow and steady gets there eventually."  
Sy Mallis, La Jolla, 2. "Where have all the righties gone?"  
Ramiro Murillo, Chula Vista, 2. "Be happy!"  
Elvern Orr, Coronado, 2.  
Martha Ponce, La Mesa, 2. "Help a sista' out!"  
J. Roncelli, Encinitas, 2. "Rhonda and Pippi, I am madly on love with you."  
Lillian Santander, San Diego, 2. "May the angels be with Chris, Dean, and Camille."  
Steve Sims, Carlsbad, 2. "I dare you to make less sense!"  
Kristin Stuart, Normal Heights, 2. "No gods, no masters."  
Mandy Youngblood, San Diego, 2. "Cardinals football."  
Peter Ackhoff, Rancho Peñasquitos, 1. "Fun with scanners."  
Kara Dirkschneider, Ocean-side, 1. "Yay! My 1st one!"

Julie and Jaqueline Angelini, University Heights, 1. "Live from the pickle farm! Happy Bday Molteni Law grad!"  
Ken Freed, San Diego, 1.  
Tracy Fullerson, Spring Valley, 1. "Look up and laugh and love and lift."  
☛ Rhona Fulling, San Diego, 1. "Eres primo Pablo!"  
Steve Gilliland, Clairemont, 1. "Support local music. Listen to Unset. www.myspace.com/unset"  
David Kern, Tillamook, 1. "Aspen is the pickleball master."  
Sally Lukes, Serra Mesa, 1.  
☛ Lois Angeline Marisco, College Area, 1. "Happy Mother's Day."  
Emily Meiller, La Mesa, 1. "Tra la la."  
Shakil Nooristani, Crest, 1. "Welcome to SD Maddy, a great weekend ahead of us."  
Al Roeser, Tierrasanta, 1. "To Dave's Casbah! Huzzah!"  
Melissa Smith, Pacific Beach, 1. "2 Down: Furburger."  
Swirling Syrups, Sherman Heights, 1. "Pants taken."  
Al Weiss, Banker's Hill, 1.

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**BASIC INSTRUCTIONS** How to Recover from the Failure of Your Mobile Phone by Scott MEYER

As amazing as they are, modern mobile phones are still made by people, and as such are prone to failure.

My phone's broken.

That fancy one with the MP3 player, video camera, and web browser?

Yeah, it still does that stuff. It just can't make a call.

You never make voice calls anyway.

It's the principle of the thing.

Start by calling your carrier's customer support number. It's the obvious first step and they may be able to help.

I'm locked into my contract for a year, but my warranty ran out two months ago.

That's what the computer says.

What will a new phone cost?

According to the computer, four hundred dollars.

I'm now going to curse at you.

The computer says to expect that.

If your carrier is unable to help, it will be up to you to replace your broken phone.

You had to dig out your old phone? That sucks.

Well, it's a better phone, it just doesn't play MP3s.

So you had to dig out your old MP3 player.

Which isn't so bad. It has way more memory.

Well, I'm sorry you're having to make do with superior equipment.

Once your old phone has been replaced and recycled, get on with your life. After all, it was just a phone.

Still enjoying your new/old phone?

Heck yeah! And the company that made it has a new model coming out with built in GPS, WiFi and a whole new OS!

Haven't you learned anything?

Yes, I've learned that I'm a weak, weak man.

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### RULES OF THE GAME

- 1) You may only submit one Sudoku puzzle per week from the four levels of difficulty (Easy, Medium, Hard or Evil).
- 2) Each week we're printing a list of everyone who submits the correct answers to the previous week's puzzles. See this week's contenders below.
- 3) When you successfully complete a puzzle, we'll also print a brief (10 words

or less) message that you've written. This is optional, but it's a great way to express yourself. You may submit a new message weekly. We reserve the right to reject offensive text.

- 4) We're keeping track of how many puzzles you successfully complete. But your information will only be printed when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
- 5) Entries must be faxed to **619-233-7907** or mailed to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803, or delivered through our mail slot at 1703 India Street in Little Italy, or scanned and e-mailed to:

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- 6) 5 Reader T-shirts are awarded weekly to contenders chosen randomly!
- 7) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
- 8) Late entries will not be considered.
- 9) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
- 10) Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.

### EASY:

4	7		9				8	2
		6						
5			2	6				3
6	8	2						1
	4		6	5	1		2	
1						4	7	6
7				1	9			5
						3		
9	2				3		6	8

### MEDIUM:

			2		1	3		
8	2		6			1		
			9					2
		3						1
6	4	7				8	2	9
1						7		
7					9			
		9			3		1	5
		4	5		6			

### HARD:

				7				
						9		6
	4		6		8		3	7
			4		3		9	2
	7			6			8	
3	5		7		2			
1	9		8		5		2	
6		3						
				2				

### EVIL:

		1			2	6		
	8					7		
9			6	3				
3	2			4			7	
		7				4		
	9			2			8	3
				5	8			9
		2					6	
		9	3			8		

We cannot accept your entry without the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Neighborhood/City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-shirt size: M L XL

Personal Message: \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLES:

### EASY:

9	2	5	3	1	4	8	6	7
1	6	8	9	2	7	3	4	5
3	4	7	5	8	6	9	2	1
7	9	4	1	6	2	5	8	3
8	3	2	7	4	5	6	1	9
5	1	6	8	9	3	4	7	2
6	7	1	4	3	9	2	5	8
4	8	9	2	5	1	7	3	6
2	5	3	6	7	8	1	9	4

### MEDIUM:

7	8	3	2	9	1	6	4	5
1	5	9	6	4	7	2	8	3
4	6	2	3	8	5	9	1	7
5	9	6	8	1	3	4	7	2
2	4	1	5	7	6	3	9	8
8	3	7	9	2	4	1	5	6
3	7	8	4	6	9	5	2	1
6	2	4	1	5	8	7	3	9
9	1	5	7	3	2	8	6	4

### HARD:

2	7	9	6	1	3	4	8	5
3	4	1	5	2	8	7	6	9
6	5	8	9	7	4	2	1	3
5	8	6	2	9	7	1	3	4
7	9	4	1	3	5	6	2	8
1	3	2	4	8	6	9	5	7
8	2	5	7	4	1	3	9	6
9	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	1
4	1	3	8	6	9	5	7	2

### EVIL:

6	2	5	9	8	3	4	7	1
4	7	9	5	1	2	8	3	6
3	8	1	4	7	6	5	2	9
5	1	4	3	6	9	7	8	2
7	3	8	2	5	1	6	9	4
2	9	6	7	4	8	1	5	3
1	6	3	8	2	5	9	4	7
8	4	2	6	9	7	3	1	5
9	5	7	1	3	4	2	6	8

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## THIS WEEK'S CONTENDERS:

☛ indicates T-shirt winner. Number indicates successful entries.

### EASY:

**Eric Anderson, Escondido, 1.** "Like Spring flowers, something new to enjoy."  
**Mary Arana, Encinitas, 1.**  
**Steve Gunsolley, Normal Heights, 1.** "Easy was fun, the rest not so much."  
**Jeff Loeb, San Diego, 1.** "Many thanks for adding this puzzle."  
**Thomas McVeagh, Lakeside, 1.** "I can do easy."  
**Emily Miller, La Mesa, 1.** "Wow."  
☛ **Jo Mujica, San Diego, 1.** "One puzzle done!"  
**Jolice Wiedenhoff, Carlsbad, 1.**

### MEDIUM:

**Danielle Beeson, lakeside, 1.** "Aunt Flo, you are the BOMB! Love, Kotton Kandi."  
**Gian Ghio, Chula Vista, 1.** "That last puzzle was truly evil."  
**Frank Kuzniar, Carlsbad, 1.** "More puzzles from the Reader folks. Thanks!"  
☛ **Janie Redmond, Cardiff, 1.**  
**Michael Rewa, Allied Gardens, 1.**  
**R.M. Read, San Diego, 1.** "Woo-hoo, Sudoku!"

### HARD:

**Woody Anderson, Carmel Valley, 1.** "Sudoku means kudos if you can count up to 9!"  
**Shannon Barry, Pine Valley, 1.** "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore!"  
**Spongey Beaz, San Diego, 1.** "I love you, Carolyn! CCLand! Happy Birthday Baby!"  
**Tim Betteridge, Hillcrest, 1.** "So much love to express,

so few words allowed."

**Clyde Christie, San Diego, 1.**  
**Debbie Finch, La Mesa, 1.**  
**Jessie Hansen, Oceanside, 1.** "Yay Sudoku!"  
☛ **Stephanie McNicol, Rolondo, 1.** "#1 number fun geek!"  
**Elizabeth Rainbolt, Mission Valley, 1.**  
**Rich Sewell, Ocean Beach, 1.** "Sleep is overrated."  
**Jennifer Stowe, San Diego, 1.**  
**Westie, San Diego, 1.**  
**Mark Wilde, Spring Valley, 1.** "What fun!"

### EVIL:

**Daniel Aames, Carmel Valley, 1.** "Hello Shelby Kise-more, Don Connell, Melissa Adams and Mike Bernady."  
**Sheila Agahan-Price, Oceanside, 1.** "Puzzles are easy. Sudoku more challenging! Love it!"  
**Julie and Jaqueline Angelini, University Heights, 1.** "I love it when you have your gigglepants on!"  
**Joe Arbusto, Rancho Penasquitos, 1.** "Sudoku is for real men only!"  
**Lidia Ayala, Golden Hill, 1.** "One more for SC, none for Jay!"  
**Dennis Beabout, Temecula, 1.** "Yee Hah! Sudoku too! The Reader Rocks!"  
**Dustin Beabout, Temecula, 1.** "Sudoku and crosswords too! Reader is the magazine for you!"  
**Jean Bradley, Spring Valley, 1.** "How does it control spending?"  
**Mike Bullock, Rancho Bernardo, 1.**  
**Alan Burrows, El Cajon, 1.** "Rio, the game is on."  
**Jeff Doerner, Clairemont, 1.** "That was wicked evil!"

**Ben Espe, Mission Valley, 1.** "Are you kidding me?"  
**Lhory Ewok, San Diego, 1.** "Sudoku!"  
**D. Faulkner, University Heights, 1.**  
**Lily Gonzalez, Logan Heights, 1.** "Too easy! Happy 1st Birthday my baby! I love you!"  
**Adnan Haddad, Normal Heights, 1.** "Congrats Rabaen for a successful 1st year college."  
**Linda J. Hall, La Mesa, 1.** "Thank you Mom for all of your help. Love ya."  
**Ralph Hayward, El Cajon, 1.** "Whee!"  
**Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 1.** "I love Sudoku puzzles!"  
**Patrick Henson, Lakeside, 1.** "Look at what I can do!!"  
**Rick Imbra, North Park, 1.** "First timer!"  
**Ana Jacala, Downtown, 1.** "In your face, Paul!"  
**Richard K. Johnson, La Jolla, 1.**  
**Mark Kaplowitz, La Jolla, 1.** "Vote yes on prop 1F."  
**Norman Kenney, Carlsbad, 1.** "Numero uno! Kiera and Bobo!"  
**Lerma, San Diego, 1.**  
**Ralph Levy, La Jolla, 1.** "Come back Monica, all is forgiven!"  
**Drew McGuire, Downtown, 1.** "If the thunder don't get you then the lightning will."  
**Douglas Meyers, La Mesa, 1.** "Ouch! Evil?? Try diabolical!"  
**Gary Mocko, Ocean Beach, 1.** "See no evil...SDMRM.ORG"  
**P.J. Mole, Point Loma, 1.** "Happy Mother's Day to Mom and Stacy. Love ya."  
☛ **William Nowatnick, Allied Gardens, 1.** "Sipping cappuccino with the Reader on the corner..."  
**Michael Panther, Point Loma, 1.** "Find yourself an old

wise woman."  
**Gregory Parsons, Carlsbad, 1.** "Thanks Lisette. I am a Yoga instructor!"  
**John Pertle, Santee, 1.** "To receive eternal life, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ."  
**Robert Phillips, Downtown, 1.** "How many times do I have to tell you?"  
**Jim Piburn, Point Loma, 1.** "Evil was an understatement - Good puzzle."  
**Leanna Read, La Mesa, 1.** "Evil Schmeevil. Bring it on."  
**Don Reckles, Carmel Valley, 1.** "Honey is how the bee says sorry I stung you."  
**Jerry Riccio, Rancho Bernardo, 1.** "Larger solving grids would help, especially for 'hard' and 'evil!'"  
**Gilbert Roeser, Tierra Santa, 1.** "Rollin' with the changes."  
**Alan Schwarz, Clairemont, 1.** "It's great to be alive."  
**Ken Simmons, San Diego, 1.**  
**R. Sloan, Normal Heights, 1.** "Happy Mother's Day."  
**Joe Steinbach, Clairemont, 1.** "One puzzle, 4 parts?"  
**Becky and Thomas, La Jolla, 1.** "Good thing I can only count to nine."  
**Ginger Truschke, San Diego, 1.**  
**Glenn Walker, Pacific Beach, 1.** "This one's for you, Mom. Happy Mother's Day!"  
**Linda Webb, Golden Hills, 1.** "Really wanting a free tee shirt in this recession!"  
**Susan Williams, North Park, 1.** "Randomness is full of patterns Keith Devlin, Stanford."  
**Pat Witman, South Park, 1.** "Love you, Phil."  
**Barry Xin, San Diego, 1.**



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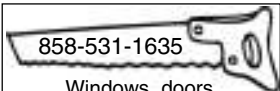
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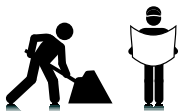
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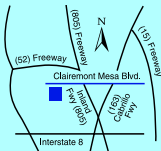
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The Navy hopes to obtain the property to build its hospital by swapping part of the present site, near the junction of Park Boulevard and Interstate 5, for a section of undeveloped canyon land in the center of Balboa Park — as if the hospital would pick up one huge foot, pivot, and plant it firmly several hundred yards to the northeast.

— **"THE BATTLE OF FLORIDA CANYON,"**

Gordon E. Smith, May 10, 1979

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

Oscar Galván, social science teacher at Southwestern Junior High School, is one such individual. After being approached by Remy Bermudez, assistant to Roger Hedgecock, to write a song for the mayor's birthday party-cum-fundraiser at the Cafe del Moro held on May 2, Galván sat down and devoted an evening to

the task:

Long live Mayor Roger Hedgecock  
This nation's role model  
A courageous and most earnest man

And of sincere motives  
Due to some other man's failure  
The press has incriminated him  
Discrediting his name  
As if it were the court of justice

In legal decisions  
He takes all of us into account  
And what he never thinks of  
Are his own personal gains

— CITY LIGHTS: **"THE STRUM VOTE,"**

Abe Opincar, May 10, 1984

## Twenty Years Ago

From the tone of Paul Krueger's column on Miramar Lake ("The Inside Story," April 27), San Diego's "Mayor of Unmanaged Growth," Bulldozer Ed Struiksmas, is either hearing heavy footsteps in his bid for reelection or he has been seized by paranoid delusions of grand conspiracies. (Shades of Captain Queeg.)

The fact is that Bulldozer Ed has gotten caught once again by his own

community — not "outsiders" — with his hand in the developers' cookie jar.

However, by approving Carmel Mountain Ranch and development on Lopez Ridge and by exempting numerous projects from the city's sensitive-lands ordinance, Struiksmas has almost singlehandedly choked the I-15 corridor.

— LETTERS: **"BURY BULLDOZER ED?"**

Peter Navarro, May 11, 1989

## Fifteen Years Ago

When a photograph of Robert O. Peterson's funeral at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery appeared in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* last week, the flag-draped casket gave the impression that Peterson, the founder of the Jack in the Box restaurant chain and husband of former Mayor Maureen O'Connor, was being buried in the national cemetery. Since government officials have stopped performing casket burials in the overcrowded graveyard, the gesture seemed to reek of favoritism and bias.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"AT FORT ROSECRANS, YOU CAN'T TAKE MUCH WITH YOU,"**

Melinda Powelson, May 5, 1994

## Ten Years Ago

David Copley is expanding his realm again. Though mom Helen Copley still owns the *Union-Tribune*, David has been busy with his own project: gradually acquiring all the houses on a block along Virginia Way. David has spent millions purchasing at least five houses and consolidating the north half of his block into a single parcel. Last month, he bought two more small parcels across the alley for a total of a million dollars.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDS,"**

Matt Potter, May 6, 1999

## Five Years Ago

"The hogs are at the trough." On February 17, 2000, David Parley, chief financial officer of Peregrine Systems, emailed those words to the company's attorney, Richard T. Nelson. Parley (now deceased) was perturbed that company insiders were dumping shares during a period in



San Diego Reader, May 10, 1979

which they had been instructed not to do so.

But bail out they did. Between February 15 and February 18, 2000, Peregrine's then-chairman John Moores and four other officials dumped a staggering \$194 million worth of Peregrine stock.

— CITY LIGHTS: **"UNETHICAL, IMMORAL, AND UNCONSCIONABLE,"**

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Senior pastor: John Farley
Congregation size: 1300
Staff size: 10
Sunday school enrollment: 100
Weekly giving: n/a
Annual budget: \$1 million
Singles program: no
Dress: semiformal to formal
Diversity: majority Caucasian, but mixed
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. (traditional), 10:30 a.m. (contemporary)
Length of reviewed service: 1 hour
Website: foothillsumc.org

"Welcome home!" read the handpainted banner in the vestibule of the half-saucer church. Inside, homemade signs rose up on coat-hanger posts from the pews: "Where we love is home." "Home is not a place, it is people." An announcer let us know that "the entire service was conceived by, designed by, and implemented by the youth of this church, under the leadership of the whole youth ministry team. So in the spirit of youthful worship, we'll get this going with a fun little tune

called 'Big House.'" The kids had spoken, and the words of the day were house and home.

The band — grownups except for the bass — broke into a kind of Playhouse Disney/Spin Doctors groove, and the tweens up front started singing: "It's a big, big house, with lots and lots of room/ A big, big table, with lots and lots of food/ A big, big yard, where we can play football/ A big, big house, it's my Father's house." On the other side of the stage, the well-dressed teenage contingent clapped in time, and most of them managed to sing along.

The teens did the actual running of the service — everything except the prayers before Communion. During the Invitation, they preached to their juniors — the children on their way to Sunday School: "Today we're going to talk about family," began one. "No two families are the same. All families are different. And what family is really about is love."

"It doesn't matter if your family is your brothers and sis-

ters," continued another. "It's the people that love you and that you care about. The youth from this church are a family."

"Family is defined by who loves you and who you love back," concluded a third, "not who your brothers and sisters and your parents are. Join with me as we pray: Dear God, thank You for loving us and giving us family. Please help us to show Your love to the rest of the world."

The little ones left, and we heard three mini-sermons, the first one based on Isaiah 2:2: "Now it will come about that...the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains...and many people will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.'" Amanda Grimm recalled a backpacking trip in the Sierras, one that left her free from technological and social distractions. "It was just me and nature and the people around me. It made me realize what is truly important in life.... It made God and everything else that is important so clear.... You need

to find the mountains in your own life. You need to make time for yourself and walk in the way God would want."

Investigation followed, and the congregation prayed: "Dear God, although our family may fall apart sometimes, be the bond that draws us back home. Hold us together in troubled times, and forgive us when our emotions take over. Help us open up to the ones we love.... God, we want to be compassionate toward others' viewpoints. We pray for those who are searching for meaning and purpose, for those who live in discomfort or pain. We pray that everyone finds a home such as this one."

"Unless the Lord builds a house, they labor in vain who build it," read the second Scripture, and Emily Bendall recalled a homebuilding trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. "We went to New Orleans to rebuild a house, but rebuilding the house was only the task, not the mission. The task may change...but the mission stays the same: to build heaven on



John Farley

Foothills United Methodist Church La Mesa ★★½

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delivery	★★
Liturgy	★★★
Music	
congregational	★½
band	★★
Snacks	★★
Architecture	★★
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Poor to satisfactory	(none)
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earth. When that has been achieved, we will finally be living in the home of God." Next came Inspiration: Communion and Christ's admonishment that "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden..." Elise Erb compared Foothills to that city and then shifted

the analogy to a home. "This is a house of God, where we celebrate and mourn all under the same roof.... When we're baptized, we're welcomed into a family of brothers and sisters in Christ, and I don't know if I ever thought about how important and real that family is until I started preparing to go away to school in the fall. William Wordsworth once called heaven and home kindred points, and I would have to agree."

Tweens and teens gathered together on the brown brick stairs of the stage for the Song of Sending: "Over the mountains and the sea/ Your river runs with love for me..."

What happens when we die?

"You get the heaven that you want," said Erb. "You make your own heaven. This is home," she continued, indicating the church. "Maybe it gets translated up."

— Matthew Lickona

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